



**Park Street Elementary School
Fredericton
Parent School Support Committee
Minutes
February 22, 2017 at 7pm
Park Street School Library**

PSSC Members Present: Jeff Beairsto, Chair Olwyn Klinker Katie Lenihan Julie Peterson Tanya Carr Jill Dickinson PSSC Members Regrets: Krista Ross, Teacher Rep.	School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Vice-Principal School/DEC Representation Regrets: Rien Meesters, Principal
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Call to Order:
7:00pm

Approval of the Agenda:
Approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:
Approved as circulated by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes:
None

New Business:

Principal's Update:

School Brochure

The school brochure is almost complete. They are finalizing the French wording and sending it back next Friday to hopefully be printed the following week. Tracy reported that the original Parker the Panda was found in the correct format and is being used as opposed to the other one that appeared too "cartoon-y". The other project that is taking place around this brochure is having the children write a "What does Park Street mean to me" piece and then the core leadership group will pick 8-10 of them to be featured on the back page of the brochure. The others will be displayed in the hallway around the Parker the Panda painting across from the library.

Rien searched for alternate printing options as requested and Ginger Designs was the least expensive option. By consensus we agreed that the remaining PSSC budget (approximately \$1100) would be used to print school brochures.

Classroom Audio Systems

The system that had problems was replaced by the vendor and now all systems are up and running and teachers are using them.

School Improvement Plan

Friday is a PD day and all teachers have completed a literacy assessment using a model outlined by Brenda Augusta that shows a continuum of writing whereby a personal narrative is used to keep consistency throughout the process for demonstration. 100% of teachers are comfortable using the model, so the PD day will focus on what that model looks like in each classroom and integration of the model will follow.

Community PSSC

After loads of work and persistence, there was a move forward for collaboration and partnership with the PSSC from each feeder school and Nashwaksis Middle School (NMS). Principal Kendra Frizzel has initiated that 1 teacher from NMS will visit each feeder school and vice versa to explore and observe. We all feel this is a good first step in creating a partnership.

Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) System

The ISD system is scheduled to be implemented in September and will be a model aimed at helping the highest need children and complex kids. It will consist of a team of 6 people who will be assigned to various schools within the district. Park Street are hoping that at least 1 member of the ISD will attend Park Street's weekly meetings to address complex cases in a timely and effective manner. The ISD will require a meeting space/designated room to be used when they come into the school and must be available at all times. At this point in time, it is too early to tell numbers for September, but regardless the restructuring of the library that had previously been discussed has been put on hold. The ISD positions are currently posted but nobody knows at this point what the school staff adjustments will look like.

Other Business:

After School Enrichment Activities

Tracy reported that Science East and the segment on coding just finished and the physicians and toastmasters (public speaking) are about to start. There has also been great interest in the money segment that has just been announced, but details are not yet in place.

Olwyn asked why special needs children were not being involved in these after school activities. Tracy is checking into that, but did clarify that parent or guardian involvement would have to be arranged as these activities are completely separate from school time and resources.

Chinese Teachers

Both teachers are here, settled and teaching. Mr. Guan is starting tai chi and Kung Fu and will be expanding this to an afterschool program shortly as well. There will be a dancing performance for girls and a Kung Fu demonstration for the boys coming up in May.

School Survey

Teacher numbers will fluctuate next year due to the ISD model, but also because of the change in the French immersion entry points, but those numbers are not finalized as of now. The school

survey was completed with the grade 4 and 5 students to help keep the engagement high moving through the last few years of elementary school. The teacher perception survey was also completed and the results were shared with the staff.

Correspondence:

None

Closing Comments:

None

Date of Next Meeting:

April 6, 2017

Adjournment:

7:58pm

Jeff Beirsto
PSSC Chair

March 1, 2017
Date

Julie Peterson
PSSC Secretary

March 1, 2017
Date