

## **Park Street School Home and School Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2016**

### Present:

Rien Meesters  
Tanya Carr  
Olwyn Klinker

Tracy Stewart  
Julie Peterson  
Katie Lenihan

Jeff Bearsto  
Jill Dickinson

### Absent:

Krista Ross

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### Agenda Items:

#### 1- Principal's Update –

- Confucius Classroom – Park Street's Chinese teacher started this week. All classes will benefit. A second Chinese teacher, a music specialist, will be arriving shortly to the school. Park has received a grant to create an interactive classroom where children will learn everything from Chinese geography to cultural appreciation, language, etc. Children will have input on the curriculum. There will be weekly instruction for grades 1-5 English classes. Chinese instruction will also be incorporated into the French Immersion classes through Chinese dance and you and your world.
- After School Enrichment Activities – Park Street's new after school enrichment activities will begin on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All children in grades 3-5 should have received a letter in their communication bag outlining the details of this program. So far, response has been extremely positive. These activities will take place in blocks of 4 weeks, for 1 hour per week (at late dismissal). We have been reaching out to members of the community (trades, NBCC, physicians, engineers, artists, etc) to secure professionals to volunteer their time. The first two activities will be Mindfulness and Chinese Language. Should the parent community have suggestions on future activities or would like to volunteer time towards these activities, please contact Tracy Stewart.
- Classroom Audio System – With the support of the PSCC, a letter was submitted to District to request funding to upgrade classroom audio systems at Park Street. The current systems were installed approximately 15 years ago, have reached the end of their lifespan and have become unreliable. District has committed to paying for 75% of this upgrade. This will mean a new system in every classroom plus one portable for the gym. The target is to have these systems installed by end of November.
- School Communication Request – There is a request to create an infographic or brochure that would showcase Park Street School, something tangible that could be given to visitors who want to learn more about the school. It would be used as a communication tool to demonstrate how progressive the school is, to share the

culture of the school with new families, new teachers and out of country visitors. Should the request be approved, there would be 4 park street students who would assist with the infographic along with the help of a local graphic designer. The PSSC approved the request to use its budget towards the design of this infographic. Rien to look into various printing options available.

- 2- School Improvement Plan – Rien to present the draft school improvement plan at the next PSSC meeting.
- 3- Ten Year Plan – Tracey spoke to the Province’s new ten year education plan. The plan is entitled “Everyone at Their Best”. Priorities in this provincial plan include establishing a culture of belonging, improving literacy and numeracy skills, ensuring proficiency in fundamental language skills, fostering leadership, citizenship and entrepreneurial spirit. Principals will receive further direction on how to move forward with this plan over the next two years.
- 4- Profile of a Grade 5 student – this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting due to time restrictions.

New Business:

1. Membership – Jeff Bearsto has been elected Chair of the Park Street PSSC. Julie Peterson will assume the role of Secretary and Krista Ross was named teacher representative.
2. Future Meeting Dates -
  - Monday, November 28
  - Thursday, January 12
  - Wednesday, February 22
  - Thursday, April 6
  - Wednesday, May 17

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**