



**Park Street Elementary
Fredericton
Parent School Support Committee Minutes
Date: 2016/11/28 Time: 7:00pm
Park Street School Library**

<p>PSSC Members Present: Jeff Beairsto, Chair Krista Ross, Teacher Rep. Olwyn Klinker Jill Clowater</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Katie Lenihan, Julie Peterson</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Rien Meesters, Principal Tracy Stewart, Vice-Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: None</p>
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Call to Order:

7:00pm

Approval of the Agenda:

Approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Minutes approved as circulated by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None

New Business:

Principal's update:

Chinese program

Second teacher has arrived. Information sheets sent home with respect to Chinese Singing and Language Club (grades 3-5).

Upstairs office is being reconfigured to host class; costs are covered by Confucius Institute. A group of four students are working with Principal Meesters to help coordinate this project.

Each student at Park Street will be with a Chinese teacher for at least 30 minutes per week.

After School program

The first block of after school programming is coming to a close. The school will seek feedback from the students and parents to inform future blocks. The first blocks were: Chinese Language and Mindfulness.

Tracy Stewart is recruiting widely for hosts for future blocks which are 4 weeks long, 1 day per week.

Classroom Audio Systems

Two classrooms have had the systems installed. The others will follow a brief test period.

School Brochure

The administration and a group of four students are working with Ginger Designs to finalize the content. First draft of the brochure is targeted for January 2017. Rien Meesters is pleased with the engagement of the students and the progress to date.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Rien Meesters reviewed the plan; previously set priorities are unchanged. In the spring of 2017 the faculty will review and re-assess the SIP for the next three-year term.

Focus on Literacy

Multi-year trend line for literacy rates is falling. Analysis of term 1 report cards shows that writing is a weak spot. Faculty has reviewed strategies for the SIP to reverse the negative trend.

Teacher training in leadership

Five teachers from the faculty will be given training in leadership and creation and management of improvement plans.

Communication re: student achievement

Olwyn Klinker and Jeff Beirsto both asked for clarity in communicating student achievement on the report cards. Specifically, given Park Street's use of flexible groupings how is a parent meant to interpret "Meeting learning goals" when the student is in a grade 2 homeroom but in a grade 3 flexible grouping for math? It would be helpful for the parents to see the pre-test and post-tests which bookend each flexible grouping assignments.

Community PSSC meeting

Members of PSSCs from the group of elementary schools that feed into Nashwaaksis Middle School are meeting. The intent is to help promote best practices and consistency between schools. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-December. Jeff Beirsto and Rien Meesters are to attend.

Correspondence:

None

Closing Comments:

At next meeting the team will discuss screen time in classroom at the request of Olwyn Klinker.

At next meeting the team will review the spreadsheet drafted to define the profile of a 5th grader. The team will attempt to define the execution strategies and assessment tool used at Park Street to develop the various listed mindsets, skills, and knowledge; what differentiates Park Street.

Date of Next Meeting:

January 12, 2017

Adjournment:

8:37pm

Jeff Beairsto

PSSC Chair

Jeff Beairsto

PSSC Secretary (acting)

January 11, 2017

Date

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Date
