



**Meduxnekeag Consolidated School
Parent School Support Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Date: February 23, 2021 Time: 6:30pm

<p><u>PSSC Members: Present</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victor Bobarnac, Chair• Candace Browse, Vice Chair• Alison Orr, Secretary• Julia Kennedy, Teacher Rep. <p><u>Others</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephanie Grant• Kaitee Stairs• Heather Richardson, Home and School• Trudi Cummings - WFN <p><u>PSSC Members Regrets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<p><u>School/DEC Representation Present:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terri Mahoney-Walker, Acting Principal• Angela Stephenson, Vice Principal• Susan Palmer, Acting Vice Principal• Heather Hogan, DEC <p><u>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <p><u>Others</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ JoAnn Boone (Community Schools Coordinator)
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1. Call to Order – Victor Bobarnac called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda:

✚ **Moved by** Stephanie Grant

✚ **Seconded by** Candace Browse

To accept the February 23, 2021 meeting agenda (as presented) (as amended)

All in Favor

Motion Carried

3. Introductions – All PSSC Members were present and introductions were made.

4. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- ✚ **Moved by** Stephanie Grant
- ✚ **Seconded by** Candace Browse
- ✚ **To accept the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes (as amended)**
All in Favor
Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- ✚ Budget – which was already on the agenda.

6. New Business:

✚ DEC Remarks – Heather Hogan

Heather gave an overview of what the PSSC Budget can be used for and explained that it required a motion from PSSC in order for it to be spent.

Heather also explained that in May there would be Municipal Elections and she will be ending her time as DEC Representative. She gave an overview of some responsibilities and encouraged members of PSSC to get involved.

✚ Home & School Update – Heather Richardson

Heather gave an overview of the work the Home and School Committee has done this year to support the school:

- A fundraiser “Ipad Draw” which raised \$12,000.
- Money towards a new laminator
- Purchase 3 laptops for guest teachers (which Angela Stephenson explained that due to error, we ended up with 6)
- Stencils for the playground
- Facebook Page
- Staff and Student Appreciation Week support

✚ School Plan (SIP/PLWE) – Terri Mahoney-Walker, Angela Stephenson and Susan Palmer

- Continue to Focus is on Social Emotional Wellness for students and staff, to create a positive working and learning environment and encourage “connection”, as well as a continued focus on Learning Targets.

- Using the resource Character Strong – and awarding certificates each month to students who are exhibiting these characteristics.
- Collaborative Academic Support Teams (CAST)
- Global Competencies - Middle School created a business called Lightning Inc.

Classes connect weekly, have learned to create a business plan, created products that will be marketed and sold with all proceeds going to their chosen charity “The Evan Graham Memorial Scholarship”.

✚ School Update - Terri

→ **COVID Operational Plan Update**

The chart showing the school plan based on Yellow, Orange or Red Phase was shared. School has been working on being prepared for the move to Distance Learning should that occur, with an emphasis on Teams Training for students and staff grades 3-8. Student in K-2 would be paper based, and teachers in those grade levels are also prepared. Teams cheat sheets are being prepared that will also be provided to parents.

→ **Orange/Red Phase impacts:**

- Athletics - (hoping to have a Volleyball program if we return to Yellow Phase)
 - Swimming – suspended for students 2-5 as no field trips are permitted
 - Staff Meetings – Virtual
- Positives – the amount of time teachers have been able to spend outside with students.

→ **PSSC Support COVID Operational Plan – Victor Bobarnac**

- PSSC is standing by to support with the Covid Operational Plan if the school sees a role.

→ **Pre-K Registration and Activities – Angela Stephenson**

- Only 50 students registered so far
- Usually many opportunities are provided for Pre-K students to come to school with their parents so that they get comfortable with the school and staff gets to know them. Due to Covid restrictions, the K Team, Resource Team and Angela Stephenson have been creating videos to share with students and staff on what to expect in Kindergarten, including a tour of the school.

→ **Food security for our students – JoAnn Boone and Angela Stephenson**

- JoAnn and Angela gave an overview of the work the school has done to address Food Insecurity including the Week-end Backpack program, providing support at Lunch time and the Breakfast Program.

→ **School Profile – Terri Mahoney-Walker**

- 622 Students in school
- 30 Students in the vulnerable sector are homeschooling (they have a medical exemption and teachers are providing home learning in addition to their classroom responsibilities).
- 59 Students attend from the WFN Community. The Band provides their hot-lunches and any field trip costs, such as swimming.
- Attendance is a concern during the more restrictive Orange and Red phases.
- 19 Educational Assistants
- 3 First Nation Academic Support Workers
- A new position – a Behaviour Intervention Mentor (BIM) to support positive behavior support

✦ **Improving the PSSC communication with the parents/legal guardians - increasing awareness and involvement in PSSC activities (establishing communication paths - flyers, emails, etc) – Victor Bobarnac**

- PSSC will have a dedicated section in the Newsletter. Angela Stephenson will reach out to Victor prior to publishing. The hope is to explain to parent the role of PSSC and encourage participation. This can include introducing members of PSSC.
- PSSC Members will create Bios to be shared on the Home and School Facebook page. Kaitee has offered to take the lead on this.

7. Correspondence:

- No correspondence

8. PSSC Budget

✦ **\$1999.00**

- Supporting the purchasing of a laminator is not permitted under the rules of how the PSSC Budget can be spent.
- In the future, after Covid 19, members expressed wanting to use the money for the Back to School BBQ.
- Motivational Speakers is also an option.

Moved by Alison Orr **and Seconded by** Victor Bobarnac that the current budget of \$1999 be spent on paper for communication purposes.

**All in favor.
Motion Carried.**

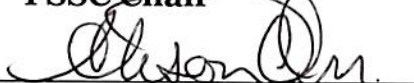
9. Next Meeting: Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm

10. Adjournment

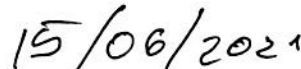
✦ **Moved by** Candace Browse **to adjourn the February 23, 2021 Meduxnekeag Consolidated School PSSC Meeting.**



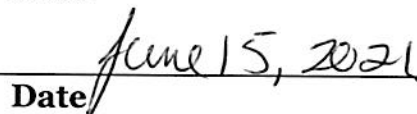
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