**Summerhill Street Elementary School**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Agenda**

**Date**: May 31, 2022 **Time**: 6:30 PM

**Location**: Summerhill Conference Room

**In Attendance:**

Shannon Atherton – Principal

Anita Curran – PSSC Chair

Sheila Morgan – Acting Vice Principal

Melissa Hawthorne

Neng Makhot – Teacher representative

Colleen Foreman

Ariana Murissi

**Regrets**

Thomas Geburt

Kate O’Rourke

Tanya Malloy

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:29PM by Anita Curran

**Welcome:** Anita welcomed our PSSC to our final meeting for 2021-2022 school year

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Approved by** Ariana Murissi

**Seconded by** Melissa Hawthorne

No changes/additions to the agenda

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting, March 29, 2022**

**Approved by** Ariana Murissi

**Seconded by** Melissa Hawthorne

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

No new business arising from the minutes

**New Business:**

1. Review the PSSC Accomplishments memo to go home

* Add Literacy evening hosted by PSSC for families. Online presentation by Dr. Norma St. Croix. The PSSC also supported our outdoor beautification program/outdoor classroom along with positive messages/quotes on the bathroom stalls. Hoping to have PSSC handout ready for our family barbeque as part of Online Auction fundraiser. The PSSC also advocates for a community of learners. Comparing data (school/parent and provincial data). The pamphlet will have more pictures. We will distribute to all families and ensure it is on cardstock.

1. Governance Structure update

* Anita spoke about the updates to the Governance re-structuring. Anita has shared this information with all PSSC members via email. She said that at this point, there are more questions than answers about the changes about the PSSC changes. There remains a concern about losing all parent voices with the restructuring. No timeline has been shared with PSSC Chairs and there does not appear to be a clear plan or direction from the Dept or government. Other schools have drafted an official letter and the question was proposed that should our PSSC write a letter on behalf of our school. Anita has been in contact with Dwayne Prest about this. The PSSC members are not sure what the new legislation will look like. There was discussion about losing advocacy with the community and parental voice. Anita reported that we can prepare for the PSSC to continue status quo for the upcoming school year.

1. Spring Online Auction – upgrades for outside

* Online auction goes live tomorrow June 1st – Facebook link was sent home to families. Please share with friends and family. The auction closes on June 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Question raised about whether we can put a suggestion box for what Summerhill may need (ie. outdoor projects?) to get the input from the students/parents at the event. Mrs. Atherton said we can put a PSSC table with the suggestion box along with our PSSC brochures. Anita Curran wondered if she could get a guest for live music? There will be a Barbeque and pre-order forms will be sent home.

1. Projected enrollment for next year and staffing

* Our student enrollment has fluctuated in the last few years between roughly 250-260 students. New postings are coming in now and we are getting a few new students registering for next year. Our staffing remaining status quo with 12 classrooms as of now. There are 3 retirements this year: Carla Small, Cindy Keizer and Colleen Davidson so we will be hiring new staff to replace these teachers.

1. Year – end plans for students

* During the last few weeks, there have been many new clubs every recess and lunch. Our field trips are back – Many Grade 3 and 4 classes walked to the Ceramic club, Grade 4 Morgan walked to the Faye Tidd Library, Grade 3 classes went to Mactaquac and are planning a trip to the Splash pad, Grade 4 classes are going to the Bucket club and Grade 5 students are heading to Greenhill Lake Camp. Summerhill Hockey League and Softball teams are busy afterschool. We are slowly returning to the way it was pre-covid. We are also planning a Grade 5 drive through ceremony to celebrate our Grade 5 students. Each class will have a 30-minute timeframe. Families will have the chance to mingle and get out of the car this year.

1. Thank you gifts and intentions for next year

* Melissa Hawthorne will be returning
* Anita Curran will be returning
* Ariana Murissi will be returning
* Colleen Foreman and Kate O’Rourke have children going to middle school. We thank them both for their service to our PSSC.
* Mrs. Atherton will check with Tanya Malloy for next year.
* Each member of the PSSC was given a Thank you card and Keychain for their support and time this year.

**Correspondence:**

No new correspondence

**Closing Comments:**

Thank you for serving on our Summerhill PSSC. Have a great summer!

**Questions:**

No questions

**Date of Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items: This is the last meeting**

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM**

Meeting adjourned by Ariana Murissi

Seconded by Melissa Hawthorne