**Summerhill Street Elementary School**

**Parent School Support Committee**

 **Agenda**

**Date**: November 17, 2020 **Time**: 6:30 P.M.

**Location**: Virtual TEAMS

**In Attendance:**

Kate O’Rourke

Thomas Geburt

Dwayne Prest

Shannon Atherton

Christie Jordan

Sheila Morgan

Ariana Murissi

Angie Jackson

Jon DeYoung

Melissa Walcott

Anita Curran

Rhonda Morrow

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:33 by Kate O’Rourke

**Welcome:** Welcome to everyone in attendance. Housekeeping – please mute your mike unless you are speaking. Thank you for your patience.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Ariana Murissi

Seconded by Angie Jackson

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting, October 13, 2020**

Motion to approve the minutes moved by Jon DeYoung

Seconded by Dwayne Prest

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**New Business:**

**1) Vote process for new member –** Anita Curran introduced herself and is wishing to join as a new member of our PSSC. A vote was taken and the majority voted in favor of having Anita join as a new member.

**2) Operational Plan/At home learning** – The message we are sending is to stay vigilant. This is the consistent message across the province. At the Grade 3-5 level, students can be prepared for paper and pencil as well as a virtual option if we were to learn from home. Student passwords have gone home, and students should have access to Office 365 and TEAMS. Thank you to PSSC members for embracing TEAMS and attending our meetings virtually. Teachers have had a PL day to help better prepare for the situation if virtual on-line learning were to happen. Teachers are in a much more positive place and are working diligently to prepare students.

**3) Summerhill SIP and PLEP Plan – update**

**PLEWP Goal:**

Share Student Survey results from November – Mrs. Atherton visited all classrooms to complete a modified version of the OUR School survey from last year. The OUR School survey will not happen until March 2021 and only includes students in Grade 4 and 5. The survey was a small sample of 7 questions it is a condensed survey that involved all students in grades 3-5 inclusive and very personal. This survey data will go in with the school PLEWP plan.

The survey was short for students and was appreciated. The students said that the one number best thing about being back to school was being with their friends again. The question was asked: can this survey be shared with the parents? Before the parents are contacted the teachers need to chat with the students first to dig a little deeper. Important for teachers to follow up with the survey results and teachers will receive their class data on Friday PL November 20. This is the chance for the student voices to be heard. The survey will be conducted again in March.

**New initiative for PLWEP goal:** Star Patrol will occur weekly if possible and students will be recognized for being STAR students. Administration will be visit classrooms in costume and award prizes to students who have received star slip recognition from their teachers.

**Reading Results**

We have had our first round of reading intervention groups complete and we are seeing levels improve. Students who are reading below grade level will receive reading support.

**4) Changes to Report card/Virtual meetings**

A letter was sent home today from Administration about booking Parent Teacher Interviews. Some teachers wanted to use paper copies of the interview form and other teachers are booking virtual meetings. The option for meetings can be held by phone or TEAMS meeting.

For report cards this year Numeracy and Literacy will have individual marks and comments and learning will be reported on a 1-4 learning scale.

Cross Curricular block will encompass Personal Wellness, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music and Phys Ed. You won’t see an individual mark for each subject, but teachers will have a general comment about student progress. The priorities are Literacy and Numeracy as advised by EECD, time is also spent on Cross curricular subjects and Social – Emotional learning.

**5) Budget – Update**

Our school budget is on the agenda because we will not be meeting again until January.

$767.99 is the budget for 2020-2021 – the budget is based on student population. We have not spent any money in the budget yet. Question was posed – do we have any wants/needs to use with our budget money? Is there something we can do like sending a book home with a student at the end of the year? We will have to look at the guidelines by set by the DEC – the expectation is that the money should be spent on communication? Budget needs to be spent by the end of March. We will table the discussion, but PSSC members can think about possible options for the meeting in January. Mr. Geburt will re-visit the possible options on how this money can be spent and he will check with other schools in Oromocto. He will email Mrs. Atherton some possible options/ideas.
Summerhill masks? Could be a pricey option

**Correspondence:**

A concerned parent sent an email about parking (a trailer was covering the crosswalk at dismissal time) and this was forwarded to our Facilities manager at the OEC and he contacted the company about the concern.

**Closing Comments:**

No closing comments

**Date of Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items:** January 12, 2021

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm**

Motion to adjourn by Dwayne Prest

Seconded by Angie Jackson