

St. Patrick's School

PSSC Meeting

February 12, 2014 6pm

In attendance; Bridget, April, Steve, Rhoda, Jennifer, Sarah, Sue, Mr. Wilson

Topics for Discussion;

1. TTFM – Tell Them From Me: Went over the results of the TTFM survey that was done with boys and girls from grade 4 and grade 5. This version of the “tell them from me” students measures 21 indicators on the most recent research on school and classroom effectiveness. This report provides highlights based on data from 46 students in this school that participated in the survey between 27 November 2013, and 27 November 27, 2013. The number of students by grade is;
grade 4: 24
grade 5: 22
The bar charts show the results by grades with at least 5 students. These are compared with Canada norms, which are based on last year's results for all students using the TTFM survey at the grade levels found in this school. For details on the survey see www.thelearningbar.com

Social-Emotional Outcomes

Student's participation in school sports - girls 12% below, boys 17% below national average.
Student's participation in school clubs – girls 27% above, boys 47% above national average.
Student's with a positive sense of belonging – girls 1% below, boys 7% above national average.
Student's with positive relationships – girls 2% below, boys 2% below national average.
Students that value schooling outcomes – girls 7% below, boys 1% above national average.
Students with positive homework behaviors – obsolete.
Student's with positive behaviour at school – girls 5% above, boys 10% above national average.
Students who are interested and motivated – girls 4% above, boys 12% above national average.
Effort – girls 1% above, boys 10% above national average.

Drivers of Student Outcomes

Effective Learning Time - -0.1% standard deviation below
Relevance - -0.1% standard deviation below.
Rigor - -0.2% standard deviation below.
Students who are victims of bullying & Bullying and Exclusion – girls 1%, boys 5% below national average.
Feel Safe Attending this School – girls 7%, boys 5% below.
Advocacy at School – girls .7%, boys 1.1% above national average.

Positive Teacher-Student Relations – 0.2 % standard deviation above.

Positive learning climate – 0.1% standard deviation below.

Expectations for Success – 0.6% standard deviation below.

Went over and discussed finding of survey, some findings were surprising and thoughts that there may have not completely understood the questions asked. Have added two more girls' sports this school year. Rainbow club is done here once a week. Most clubs or activities are based for grades 3, 4, 5, not as many for grades K, 1, 2. Will have Mrs. Turnbull at next meeting to discuss possibilities for the younger children. Some of the issues are that more volunteers are required for the younger children to keep them occupied.

Possibly other clubs - Art club. Sue will check with Fundy Art Club to see if anyone would be interested in volunteering with the school to teach painting to the kids.

Transition to Middle school – look into more things for grade 5 students to get ready for middle school.

2. Status of SIP – Still working on, should be ready by May 2014.
3. Parent Café – February 18th @1pm. Please help get the word out about the café.
4. Standards for Parent Contact – Teachers have agreed to a minimum standard for timely and effective communications. The Standards are as follows.
 - a. A writing sample sent home in September – Anchor set.
 - b. Working samples sent home October, end of Jan and Aprils, which must at least include: a writing piece, an exemplar and a leveled/good fit book.
 - c. Monthly parent newsletter – includes learning activities parents can do with child and specific curricular outcomes in student-friendly language.
 - d. Have contact with all parents using preferred methods of communication to simply: touch base” by mid-October.
 - e. If a student is struggling either behaviourally or academically, contact with home to discuss by mid-October, mid-February and late April.
6. GED Programs – Look at something in daytime during school hours, they would leave during lunch hours and would not be interacting around children. They would be in a classroom and would not go beyond upstairs washroom. Would be supervised at all time. What are possible issues that could arise? Still looking into and further discussion/thought is needed.
7. Staff Appreciation Week – Will be doing at a later date, ad what will be done. Will need to look at budget.
8. PSSC Budget - \$500 for the year, \$349 is used for the connex that are done. \$150 remaining needs to be spent by March 30th.
9. Healthy Head – Happy Hair – Pumping station that would have head lice solutions in it. Families could bring in their own bottle and have it filled for free. Mr. Wilson will check into it

further to see how much space it takes and see what is required to maintain it. Contact # 643-2005.

Other upcoming activities:

Volunteer appreciation – make sure there are images of PSSC/H&S invited and present in any images or videos.

Math/Literacy night – See if PSSC/ H&S to help with and take more active role

Pancake supper – St. Patrick's – Sue will check with Krista to see if this is something that is being done this year.

Book Fair – Look at having another in the spring

Pancake Fundraiser – have something around 5pm some evening to help raise funds for H&S.

Next Meeting March 25th @ 6pm at the school.