



**SCHOOL NAME: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School**

**Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: February 23, 2023 Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School**

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| <p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b><br/> <b>Leah Carle, Chair</b><br/> _____, <b>Vice Chair</b><br/> _____, <b>Teacher Rep.</b><br/> _____, <b>Student Rep.</b></p> <p><b>Others:</b> Laura Oldford, Amanda Hudson, Catherine Picard, Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, Katie Edgar, Maryann Bourgeois, Lindsay Underhill</p> <p><b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b> Amanda Good</p> | <p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b><br/> <b>Tracy, Stewart, Principal</b><br/> <b>Heather Theriault, Vice Principal</b><br/> <b>Colin Dolan, Vice Principal</b></p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b></p> |
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**Call to Order: Leah called to order the meeting,**

**Approval of the Agenda: NA – approval of previous agenda is done by email after minutes are sent out.**

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: NA**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**New Business:**

- Leah attended the PSSC Chair Virtual Consultation Session with EECD. She noted it was well done and felt the message was clear – that they truly were seeking input and feedback. Leah will share the feedback documents that were provided from the February session as some members would like to read these documents even though the decision for 50/50 English French instruction has been reversed and EECD will look further into improving the anglophone system.
- Final confirmation of Budget to be spent on the following: PSSC meal (February meeting), school magnets, and then remainder of budget spent on refreshments for the parent cyber safety presentation night PSSC is hosting on March 27 – Approved by members.
- There was a suggestion for future year’s budget to look into the purchase of cell phone boosters to increase reception – something to table for spring discussion (whether or not this would be a suitable purchase and appropriate support for such things are power outages, poor reception). Leah can look into the cost of this and bring it forward to next meeting.
- To be added to April and / or May meeting agenda item – discussion of welcome back to school night / corn boil and thoughts and decisions on what this night will look like for next year and to choose a date.

**Principal’s Report**

- Cyber Safety Presentation – In-person presentation by Fredericton City Police scheduled for Mar. 27, 6:00 pm, Information will be written up and sent to PSSC for feedback before it is advertised to families. We will send out survey to also gauge how many parents to expect to plan for refreshments and space / seating. Leah will create an exit slip for parents to complete at the end of the March 27 session to help guide us in next steps (along with an online survey). We will use the April meeting to discuss how the presentation went and next steps for further parent education in this area (potential virtual presentation with Media Smarts in later spring or early fall). Nackawic Elementary School Principal, Digital Learning Support Teacher and Subject Coordinator of Technology and Skilled Trades would like to set up a meeting to discuss our plans for a parent night and discuss a potential partnership or sharing of resources. If applicable to PSSC Tracy will share results of that meeting with PSSC members at April meeting.
- Jays Care Foundation – Our school is becoming a Jays Care School this year. Heather Theriault is the primary coordinator and gave an overview of the program and it's goals (to expose children to an inclusive environment will they will learn about and come to love the sport of baseball). There are numerous options: Challenger Baseball, Rookie League, Girls at Bat, Indigenous Programs. Our programming will begin March 22 and will run for 10 weeks and will be focused on a rookie league. There is already lots of excitement about the potential for this program. We are looking forward to seeing the success of this program and giving students exposure to baseball. An update on progress will be given at the May meeting.
- Power Play – 6 classes are now participating in the Power Play business program – great opportunity for students to learn about business and many other life skills. Teachers and students are engaged in this work in the classroom. There is also a home support piece. Wednesday lunch time sessions have been offered that is run by the Power Play group and numerous students have taken advantage of these extra learning sessions. The tentative date for the Market / Sale is March 31.
- Student Council – A student council has been created. Classes have decided to have rotating class reps for each special event for the remainder of this year. The students have done a great job contributing to ideas for our Coyote Fun Week (Feb. 27-Mar. 3). We are hopeful that we will continue to build student voice and choice through other student council opportunities this year. The students have taken a great sense of pride and excitement by this opportunity.
- School Magnets – have arrived – given to PSSC members and will be given out to new families joining our school.
- School Plan – updates on progress on the school plan was shared. Much of the professional learning so far this year has been on continuing to learn about and build positive behavioral supports in the school. The impact of the academic focus (small group intense instruction on a very specific skill) has been student success in that area and / or identifies for teachers the next steps needed in that particular student's learning journey. The school data team will meet again in the spring to begin working on the school plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Correspondence:**

### **Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, March 27, 2023 (Parent Night sponsored by PSSC), Thursday, April 27 6:00 pm meeting at the school

**Adjournment:** 7:30 pm