



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

**Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: April 27, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location: Gibson Neill School**

<b>PSSC Members Present:</b> Leah Carle, Chair _____, Vice Chair _____, Teacher Rep. _____, Student Rep. <b>Others: Amanda Hudson, Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, Katie Edgar, Amanda Good, Lindsay Underhill, Laura Oldford,</b>  <b>PSSC Members Regrets: Mary Anne Bourgeois, Catherine Picard,</b>	<b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b> Tracy Stewart, Principal Heather Theriault – VP  <b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b> Mike Mazerolle, DEC Colin Dolan, Vice Principal
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**Call to Order: Leah called to order the meeting, at 6:03 pm.**

**Approval of the Agenda: NA**

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

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Principal Report**

**Power Play Program-** Went well for first time in this school. Largest school to have a market to date. There is room for growth and improvement with this program re: communication to families, timelines, and expectations. Feedback from our school and other participating schools will help Power Play continue to improve going forward. Parent feedback to our school will also help us continue to improve with communication around the program, timelines and expectations as well as communication to families and students who will attend the market as customers. Participating students enjoyed the project overall and were proud to sell their product.

**Jays Care Program-** 21 students, 6 staff have been participating on Wednesday afternoon as part of the Rookie League. All students who were chosen to participate have never had exposure before and some may not have had the opportunity otherwise. Have seen great improvement and students are enjoying the experience. Has gone well and hopefully will have the chance to offer it next year.

**Potential PSSC Business for upcoming school year regarding use of budget:**

## Cell phone boosters

Would like to purchase a cell phone booster that would enhance service around the school. PSSC agrees to table this item until September and look at next year's budget.

## Multicultural / Inclusivity Initiative

Creating a multicultural board in a high traffic area of the school to welcome everyone.

## School flag

Purchasing a flag to bring to special events.

**Student wellness survey:** Grade 4 & 5 students completed this mandatory provincial survey in late fall. Some important notes from these results: Overall majority students feel that they have autonomy and a sense of relatedness at school, and most reports of bullying and / or negative behavior are occurring outside of the classroom, on the playground, washroom and bus.

The data from this survey is used to help the school set goals and targets re: School Plan (along with numerous other data points such as Teacher Perception Survey, MFRI, anecdotal information).

## **New Business:**

### Grade 5 Celebration

There has been concerns brought forward about the change in the grade 5 celebration for this year. Staff had brought forward concerns about students not being comfortable with a more formal ceremony.

The new format notes that students will mark the special occasion with a slide show and awards presentations with their classmates. They will then celebrate with cupcakes and can pick up their certificate with their family in a picnic like activity. Family members will be invited.

Parents are concerned with the fact that it is just a picnic, there may have been some confusion over what the actual plan is. School is still working out the final plan and will communicate with a common message to parents.

### Concerns from parents about Power Play Program

-Communication about expectations and process was an issue

-A suggestion from PSSC would be for more consistent communication from class to class, as different classes were given different messages.

-Perhaps Power Play could offer a session to parents to explain more about the program

-Teachers and school were asked for feedback and will communicate concerns with Power Play

### Meet the Teacher

PSSC voted and are in favor of not having a corn boil for meet the staff night.

Replace corn with a popsicle and juice and perhaps partner with Home and School for their coffee fundraiser.

Set up information booth for PSSC and one for Home and School.

Perhaps having a handout with things that happen at the school in the course of the year.

Date for Meet the Teacher will be set for August 31

## **Correspondence:**

Devon PSSC has reached out with concerns about how bad of shape the school is in and is looking for support as they advocate for their school to be moved up the priority list for a new school. They have dropped from 2<sup>nd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> on priority for a new school list.

**Closing Comments:**

Please communicate list of upcoming dates to parents for end of the year

**Date of Next Meeting:**

May 29, 2023

**Adjournment: 7:45 pm**