



SCHOOL NAME: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: May 29, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Gibson Neill School

<p>PSSC Members Present: Leah Carle, Chair _____, Vice Chair _____, Teacher Rep. _____, Student Rep.</p> <p>Others: Amanda Hudson, Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, Katie Edgar, Amanda Good, Lindsay Underhill, Laura Oldford, Catherine Picard,</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Mary Anne Bourgeois,</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Heather Theriault – VP Colin Dolan, Vice Principal Mike Mazerolle, DEC</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</p>
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Call to Order: Leah called to order the meeting, at 6:00

Approval of the Agenda: NA

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: NA

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Principal Report

Education Governance Renewal - There will be no major changes to the structure of PSSC. Will continue to serve as an advisory committee to schools and principals around policy and decision making. PSSC committees will receive more training and updated materials on school improvement planning. They will approve goals and objectives in the school improvement plan.

School numbers for the year 2023-2024- This year, 2022-2023, the school has hit a record high for enrollment-692 students. Next year there will be 34 classrooms, including 6 Kindergarten classrooms. As of right now there are 3 Grade 1 Immersion classes. Every classroom will be used, space will be an issue for alternate programming locations. Will not be losing any full-time permanent positions.

Cell phone booster- Approximately \$1799 + installation for one booster. One booster will only serve the area of the school that it is installed in. Would need more than one for a school this size. Will look

into the best area to install one. Will bring this forward again in the fall for PSSC discussion on potential use of budget.

School Plan Update – Year End Monitoring completed for 2022-23

Goal One- Teachers will provide opportunities for stretch learning- felt like this was something embedded school practice, it has been added as a “given” something that all teachers will do but no longer a school plan focus.

Goal 2- - Positive behavior supports/intervention- Spent time on conflict resolution, kindness. Teachers attended PL on these and were given activities to do in their classroom. Focus on this goal will continue next year. According to staff perception surveys, staff’s perception of being included in co constructing expectations for behavior has increased.

Goal 3- Staff competency based on mental fitness and resiliency inventory survey data- According to teacher perception surveys there has been an overall increase in staff feeling competent in their roles. A focus on staff mental fitness and resiliency will continue to be a goal in the 2023-2024 school year. 2023-2024 School Plan will be shared with PSSC in September 2023.

Holistic Curriculum- Schools can choose to take part in this new framework starting in September 2023. All schools will be implementing by September 2024. Gibson Neill has decided to move to this curriculum framework in the fall of 2023. The big change is in how achievement is reported. The report cards next year will look a little different. The grading scale will not change, students will still be assigned a 1-4 grade. Using this framework students will be graded based on their achievements. Before there were benchmarks that students were expected to meet. The Holistic curriculum is more of a continuum. Teachers will use their professional judgement to decide where students are on the continuum. It is based on achievement indicators as opposed to standards. This will be a school plan focus for the 2023-2024 school year.

New Business:

TD Volunteer Grant- Gibson Neill is a registered organization. A TD employee who volunteers 40 hours receives a \$500 grant for the organization of their choice. Leah was able to reach 40 hours and donated \$500 to the school.

PSSC Chair Call on Policy 713- Leah participated in a PSSC Chair call this evening, May 29, about proposed changes to Policy 713.

One discussion point was having gender neutral washrooms. Biggest concern on the call was not about having them but about current infrastructure in schools not allowing this to happen in all schools. Second discussion point was section 6.3.2. student’s underage of 16 will require parental consent in order for their preferred name to be used for record keeping purposes. Third discussion point was supposed to be on section 6.2 Sports policy. The call went over so there was not enough time to discuss. Tracy noted that section 6.2 this is an area where more work could be done in elementary schools as both cross country and track and field students compete in gendered categories.

Welcome to School Event: Thursday August 31st 4:00-5:30

If we reach out to Sobeys with school letterhead they will give us \$200 for supplies. Katie E has a contact to reach out to.

There will be popsicles for students (families). Will need to order about 800 popsicles.

May need to purchase ice for coolers.

PSSC would like to do something for staff to honor their hard work at the end of day- Would be nice to order pizza for staff (50 people maximum).

PSSC could man popsicle stations-3-4 coolers. A call for volunteers will go out closer to the date.

Will check with Home and School to see if they would like to set up a booth, perhaps with a PSSC member to answer questions and perhaps recruit new members.

Correspondence:

Mike Mazerolle DEC Report- DEC is facing uncertain time with the change in policy, Education Governance Renewal, regarding how District Education councils are run. There is not much new to report. DEC will continue to work to the best of their abilities.

Biggest push right now is for Devon Middle school to be replaced. It faces both overcrowding issues as well as accessibility issues.

What can we as a feeder school PSSC do to help with this become a priority? Not a lot at the moment.

Closing Comments:

Thank you for a great year. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Date of Next Meeting:

Adjournment: 8:05pm