



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

**Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: September 28, 2023 Time: 6:30 pm**

**Location: Gibson-Neill School**

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b>  <b>Leah Carle, Chair</b>  _____, Vice Chair  _____, Teacher Rep.  _____, Student Rep.</p> <p><b>Others: Laura Oldford, Amanda Hudson, Catherine Picard, Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, Katie Edgar, Amanda Good, Lindsay Underhill, Stacie Harvey, Deidre Hutchings</b></p> <p><b>PSSC Members Regrets: Mary Anne Bourgeois</b></p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b>  <b>Tracy Stewart, Principal</b>  <b>Colin Dolan, Vice Principal</b>  <b>Mali Coulombe, Vice Principal</b></p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b>  <b>Mike Mazerolle, DEC</b></p>
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**Call to Order: Leah called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm**

**Approval of the Agenda: NA**

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

Business Arising from the Minutes:

**New Business:**

**Devon Middle School PSSC-** Nancy and Laura have joined the Devon PSSC, Devon was wondering how the donated lunch works on the Munch a Lunch App. School and teachers know students who are in need of food so they offer those students. Also use the list of students who benefit from the weekend backpack program to determine bonus hot lunches. Devon PSSC will be working hard to advocate for a new school. Nancy will work as a liaison between the two schools PSSC's to help advocate for a new school.

**Principals Report**

**New Teaching positions-** Current enrollment is 687. 34 classrooms. Adequate space continues to be an issue. A lack of extra space is difficult for students who cannot remain in the classroom full time. As of right now the school on Cuffman is scheduled to open for September 2024.

There are 3 new positions in the school this year. Academic Support teacher whose job is to support literacy and numeracy for English Prime classes. An EST-EAL teacher to work with students who are newcomers to help with language acquisition as well as welcoming families to the school. This teacher also works to support EAL students with more complex needs. The third new role is a support teacher

dedicated to “Variation to the common learning environment.” GNMES is the first elementary school to receive such a position and are still defining the role. The vision for this position is to: ensure a positive learning environment for all, provide targeted and intentional skill building (academic, behavioral, social-emotional), create a reflective and restorative culture, and strengthening interventions in classrooms. The specific assignments and roles of this position is directed by our school’s ESS team and Administration.

**Holistic Curriculum-**Gibson Neill is piloting the Holistic Curriculum Framework this year. All schools will be adopting the Holistic Curriculum Framework in the 2024-2025 school year. This curriculum framework is learner focused and considers the shared tenets, pedagogies, learning areas and global competencies of the learning. The most significant change is that there will no longer be report card rubrics and standards for each term, but rather end of year achievement indicators.

**Update on School Plan-** There are three goals on the student improvement plan.

Goal 1 To enhance and evolve our teaching practices to reflect the changes in the holistic curriculum.

Goal 2: Enhance student agency through a direct and explicit focus on teaching and learning the shared tenets that promote positive student behavior.

Goal 3: To support staff as they navigate change in practice including adopting the Holistic Curriculum.

**Meet the Teacher Night-** Most feedback has been positive. People seemed to enjoy the popsicles.

Parents have indicated that they prefer the chance to meet the teacher before the school year begins.

Staff enjoy the opportunity to meet students and families before the first day of school as it helps the first day of school go smoother.

Feedback for next year, as a committee have more decisions made before we leave in June so that when the event happens people know what they can do to help, and volunteers are secured.

**Budget** 2023-2024 budget is \$2020.25. To be used to benefit school particularly around communication.

Last year we discussed a cell booster to help in case of an emergency. In May it was quoted at \$1799 plus installation and electrical. Tracy will ask again for updated pricing and the area that it covers to determine if it is something as a PSSC we want to support. Budget discussion can continue at October meeting.

**Dates for next meeting:**

All meetings will be held on Thursday with a start time of 6:30 pm.

Oct 26, Nov 23, Jan 25 (meet at 6:00 and DEC meeting will begin at 6:30, this will also be a DECH meeting), Feb 22, April 25, May 23. If needed meetings will be added in March or June.

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting:** October 26 @ 6:30

**Adjournment:** 7:37 pm