



SCHOOL NAME: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, November 25, 2024 Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

<p>PSSC Members Present: Deidre Hutchings, Chair Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, Vice Chair Gordon Linder, Teacher Rep. _____, Student Rep.</p> <p>Others: Katie Edgar, Amanda Good, Amanda Hudson, Andrea Trenholm, Carylton Gibbons</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Sarah Dobbin,</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Colin Dolan, Vice Principal</p>
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Call to Order: by Deidre Hutchings @ 6:35

Approval of the Agenda: NA

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: October 28th meeting minutes were approved via email as per the agreement members have agreed to.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Bussing

The district has not yet provided information about the number of students at GNMES being impacted by bus delays or cancellations.

Tracy will follow up with the district to see what information can be provided

Home and School have agreed to support our efforts to recognize bus drivers during staff appreciation week in February 2025.

New Business:

Cell Phone Policy

Currently, the school has no official cell phone policy

There is support within the committee to draft a policy for the school, as it may be needed in the future.

We will begin to draft a policy in the new year.

Tracy will bring examples of previously created cell phone policies from other schools.

Parent Technology Presentation

There is interest in a parent presentation on children using technology safely.

Tracy will look into potential of District Digital Learning Leads into providing a presentation for parents (using information from Common Sense Media site, and book “The Anxious Generation

We will discuss this further in the new year.

Other

Principal’s Report

- Student population, as of today, 373 students and approximately 53 staff members, -Gibson-Neill has a social worker assigned to their school 50% of the time. This staff member just began at our school in early November and the role is still being defined.

-Last week the Multi-Cultural Association of Fredericton offered Respect and Diversity Presentations. Numerous teachers signed up for this presentation and it was well received. The school was pleased to have a formal opportunity for presentations like this. There may be the opportunity for them to come back in the February for Black History Month.

-School staff examined the School Improvement Indicators in early November. One potential area for growth in the future would be to better incorporate practices that support Multilingual Language Learners, Newcomers, and different cultures.

-Last week parents received an email from ASD-W encouraging them to complete the survey to provide feedback on dismissal times as they are this year for the Fredericton and Oromocto areas. Parents are encouraged to fill out the survey so that more voices and perspectives can be heard.

-EECD is doing work toward long-term recommendations around absenteeism and leveraging technology and recently surveyed educators on these topics. Absenteeism is a concern at Gibson-Neill as it is at many schools across the province. As information becomes available from EECD on actions around the Long-term Recommendations, Tracy will share with the committee.

-Currently, EECD is looking at Policy 309 the French Second Learning Policy and asking Principals for their feedback with their experience with this policy. Another EECD long-term recommendation.

-Students in grades 4& 5 are currently completing the Student Wellness Survey. Staff are completing Teacher perception surveys. These both close November 29 and results should be available by the Spring.

Correspondence:

Closing Comments:

Date of Next Meeting: January 20, 2025

Adjournment: 7:20