



SCHOOL NAME: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

PSSC Members Present:

Deidre Hutchings, **Chair**

Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, **Vice Chair**

Gordon Linder, **Teacher Rep.**

_____, **Student Rep.**

Others:

Katie Edgar, Amanda Good, Amanda Hudson,
Carolyn Gibbons, Sarah Dobbin,

PSSC Members Regrets: Andrea Trenholm

School/DEC Representation Present:

Tracy Stewart, Principal

Colin Dolan, Vice Principal

School/DEC Representation Regrets:

Call to Order: by Deidre Hutchings @ 6:35

Approval of the Agenda: NA

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Business Arising from the Minutes:

New Business:

Daniel Wishart-Transportation Manager – presentation district bussing

- ASD-W is currently short 4-5 buses as well as short drivers
- Vacancies in mechanics at DTI which is leading to delays in bus MVI's and each bus has to be inspected twice a year
- A bus delay or cancellation is decided based on whether a bus route can be covered within 2.5 hours of the original time
- A big issue for bus driver retention is wage and hours
- The district is attempting to notify parents earlier about cancellations
- Currently, 258 school bus routes making around 930 bus runs
- Individual bus drivers can decide to cancel their routes if they feel the conditions are dangerous – this has just been an option for drivers in 2024-2025 school year
- A review of busing policy did indicate the district is required to provide busing for students living more than 2.4 KM from the school or 1.5 KM from a side street. This policy is not applied evenly across the province but followed in Fredericton.

Principal's Report

Black History Month

- Virtual Presentation for all classes by Inspiration Republic "You, Me, Us" January 30, 2025
- February 10 & 11 Black History Month presentations to all classes in person "Shaping An Inclusive Culture" through the Multicultural Association of Fredericton
- Classes will engage in activities throughout the month culminating in a celebration of learning day on Feb 27

PSSC Budget

\$450 remaining:

Parent Presentation by Constable Rodney Wadden Monday, February 24 at 6:30.

PSSC has agreed to allot \$250 for refreshments for the presentation as well as buy two books of The Anxious Generation (approx. \$70).

The remainder of the budget will be donated to Home and School for Staff Appreciation (approx. \$100)

Coyote Kindness Week

February 24-28 Dress Up days

Friendship day with Leo Hayes High School leadership class to engage in Kindness activities

Pink Shirt Day is February 26th

Cell Phone Policy

PSSC had expressed interest in creating a cell phone policy

Tracy was able to find an elementary sample online

Committee will look at this further and discuss at next meeting, in March

Attendance Process

-Looking to create a school attendance process approach to monitoring attendance and tardiness. Tracy worked on a sample with Cuffman Street Principal David Burrell. The draft process will be shared with the school's data team for input (meeting on January 29) and then shared with the staff and PSSC when complete.

It is expected that there will be a province-wide approach to chronic absenteeism soon as per the long-term recommendations.

Student feedback & leadership

Student council- grades 3-5: provide ideas and feedback for school fun weeks, activities and ideas for building school spirit.

Grade 5 breakfast with the principal will continue this year and take place with each class during the month of February.

Numerous initiatives have been implemented because of this student feedback.

Teacher Perception Survey Feedback

-School is working on more regular performance reviews and continuing to build a positive school climate / environment

School Plan- Academics

PLCs of classroom teachers to further improve number sense, fluency and flexibility with number.

Provincial assessment math results demonstrated a great need for improvement in teaching and student learning in this area. PLC teams also discuss consistent approaches in literacy.

School Plan- Positive Student Behavior

PLC of specialist teachers (group of teachers review student behavior data, student wellness survey data etc) to further provide proactive initiatives to build student engagement and foster more positive school behaviors.

Tier 1: Whole School proactive approaches

Tier 2: small groups, opportunities (to build connectedness and engagement with students)

Tier 3: ensure additional supports / plans are in place for those demonstrating challenging / disruptive behaviors

Correspondence: NA

Closing Comments:

Date of Next Meeting:

February 24: There will be a parent presentation with the Fredericton police

March 31: Will be next committee meeting we will focus on the cell phone policy

Adjournment:

Adjournment at 8:13 **pm**