



SCHOOL NAME: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, May 25, 2026 Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

<p>PSSC Members Present: Andrea Trenholm, Chair</p> <p>Others: Nancy Wilkins-Keetch (Vice Chair), Veronica Richard, Carolyn Gibbons,</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Brittany Fraser, Amanda Good, Katie Edgar, Deirdre Hutchings, Andrew Tardiff, Sarah Dobbin</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Colin Dolan, Vice Principal Gordon Linder, Teacher Rep</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Mike Mazerolle- DEC Representative</p>
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Call to Order: by Andrea Trenholm @ 6:35

Approval of the Agenda: NA

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: NA

Business Arising from the Minutes: N/A

New Business:

Principal’s Report:

School Calendar and Staffing

- The ASD-W school calendar for 2026-2027 has been released to the public. It is available [here](#).
 - Our School will host our annual **meet the staff event Thursday, September 3rd, from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**. Feedback from last year is that families are happy with an informal meet and greet style event in order to meet the teacher, know where their classrooms are and feel ready for the first day.
- First Day of School is **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**.

- **Congratulations to Colin Dolan** who is moving on from GMNES and has accepted a Vice Position at OHS. Wonderful for Colin, sad for all of us. The vacant Vice Principal position will be posted within the next week. Once interviews are scheduled, typically the PSSC Chair will sit in for the interview process.
- School staffing: 22 classrooms, 3PE, 1.4 Music, Resource 3, Guidance 1, school counsellor 1, Administration 2.
- First Nation Enhancement staffing, BIM, School Social Worker, EA's still to be determined.

EECD Universal School Lunch Program

- Scheduled to begin the first day of school – September 8th, 2026
- \$4 per lunch or 100% subsidized
- Families will be invited to reach out directly to schools if they would benefit from the 100% subsidized lunch
- 2 meal choices per day, including vegetarian and milk options
- Deli Connections will continue to be our provider
- Not mandatory for families to participate in lunch program

PBIS

- We have been approved to be a PBIS school.
- We will become part of a network of PBIS schools and will benefit from supports implementing the framework and learning from other PBIS schools
- Some of the work will begin in June with the creation of a PBIS team
- There is a potential for PSSC funds to support work done in this area

Grade 5 Intensive French Changes

- Students in grade 5 prime will receive 113 minutes of French per day instead of one half of the year focused on Intensive French. This change in structure will hopefully relieve some anxieties for parents and children surrounding teacher changes halfway through the year, as has been the model we have used in the past. It is also hoped that this different way of providing Intensive French will allow students to practice French and English literacy for the full school year.

French Language Assistants

- Program and Purpose: This is an exchange program between Canada and France. Numerous schools in ASD-W have participated in this program in previous school years.
<https://www.institutfrancais.ca/en/english-language-assistant-program-france>
- We are looking at a structure where there will be additional support in F1 classrooms and prime classrooms.
- Anouck Rodrigues and Jasmine Burlat will join the education team in 2026 for approximately 25 hours per week

School Information

- Friday May 29th, Kindergarten Orientation
- Wednesday June 17th, Grade 5 Celebration Awards
- Thursday June 18th, School Picnic Day

New Business:

Tabling for next year: Looking into recognition protocols and available awards/opportunities for staff in 2027, as per Andrew Tardiff's suggestion as our April, 20th, 2026 meeting.

Next Meeting:

Correspondence: N/A

Closing Comments:

- Lots of exciting things happening as we head into the final weeks before summer!
- Gordon shared about an interesting article from Greatness Magnified where GMNES was referenced for the Tree of Greatness. <https://greatnessmagnified.com/the-earliest-signals-of-belonging-why-recognition-starts-with-children/>
- Tracy hopes all members will return to the PSSC next year and states that this current year has been a great one with great members.

Adjournment: @7:55