

Welcome to the PSSC meeting – October 5, 2015

□ Agenda

- Welcome
- Declarations to be signed
- PowerPoint presentation
- Education Plan NB
 - Update from Heathers meeting (10 year plan)
 - Forum for parents (October 6th at BMHS)
 - Online Survey for parents (Closes November 15th)
 - Communication plan for Lou
- New Business:
 - Hot topics
 - Member topics
- Schedule for the year
 - day or times work best
- date for next meeting
 - Proposed dates
 - November 23rd
 - January 11th
 - March 14th
 - Late April
 - June

Declarations



DECLARATION

In my capacity as a member of a Parent School Support Committee, and in accordance with section 18 of Regulation 2001-48 under the *Education Act*,

I, _____, member of the Parent School Support Committee of
_____ in Anglophone School District

East, hereby acknowledge being aware of

- a) the duties of the Parent School Support Committee under the *Education Act*;
- b) the code of conduct to which I am expected to adhere; and,
- c) the requirement that I discharge my duties in the English language.

Dated at Lou MacNarin School on the 17th day of November, 2014.

Signature – Member

Signature – Witness

PSSC TRAINING 2015



What is the PSSC?

The Simple answer...

- School level Parent/Community Advisory committee (pg.4 PSSC handbook)

What that means is, parents, staff and community members are elected by the school community, to come together and work collaboratively in a positive and encouraging manner to ensure the best possible education and learning opportunities for students.

How do we accomplish this?

■ **Talking**

When we think about how we can influence education, it can be hard to see.... But conversations, questions and sharing opinions help to establish guidelines, policies and help the school Principal and staff understand the challenges, concerns and the successes students and families face in everyday life.

What **should** we talk about?

Page 8 and 9 of the PSSC handbook

There are many things that should be discussed.

- School Improvement Plan
- Strategic plan of school
- Input on principal evaluation
- Helping principal in Developing policies
- Review school performance results
- Communicate with the DEC (on PSSC matters) by attending DEC meetings or by writing or chatting with your DEC rep.
- Submit annually a list of 3 – 20 parent names for possible appointment to a school appeals committee.

You **may** also be asked for discussion, advice or input on....

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- Promoting language or culture of the community
- Developing or revising school mission
- Communications with the community
- Establishing partners with the community
- Developing school climate and culture
- Establishing positive pupil climate with in the school
- Improving school property and facilitating community use of school

The DEC

District Education Council

Who are we?

The DEC is a group of elected individuals that come together and monitor education in our school district. Our role is to represent the entire district at the council table, to share ideas, to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to develop positive and relevant education in our district.

How do we do this?

We develop policies that contain outcomes for the Superintendent to accomplish. He reports to us through monitoring policies which provide data that allows the Superintendent and the DEC to determine whether those outcomes are being achieved.

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What do we do if something isn't working the way we want it to?

We review policies to be sure they are relevant. As new information and data comes to our attention we will further develop policies to ensure our students are getting the best education possible. This process is continuous.

How do we address physical needs in the district?

We advocate on behalf of our district at the department level for the things our district needs. How PSSC's communicate with the DEC, is the same way the DEC communicates with the Dept. of Education, via letters and meetings and lots of talking.

IN A NUTSHELL

Talk. Talk. Talk.

“Learning is a joint effort of lots of people working together on a given day and cumulatively over time.”

Michael Fullan , All Systems Go (p. 71)

It is through conversations with each other, with the staff of our district, and with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, that we can make education excellent in New Brunswick. Working together positively and collaboratively can only benefit our children.

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10-Year Education Plan

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

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10-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN

Background

□ Commitment

“ Create New Brunswick’s most job-ready generation by:

- *Appointing a panel of experts and stakeholders to develop a 10-year plan for all stages of education that will bring stability to our schools.”*

□ Co-chairs – Leading the development of the plan

Karen Power and **Gino LeBlanc** are inviting all citizens to a conversation about education and early childhood practices in New Brunswick.

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Early Learning & Education by the Numbers

- **\$1.1 billion** 2015-2016 budget
for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- **14%** of the overall budget for the Government of NB
- **98,906** K-12 students enrolled (on
Sept. 30, 2014)
- **314** schools (both
sectors)

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Early Learning & Education by the Numbers

□ **796** regulated daycare facilities

• **2,055** infant spaces

• **10,754** pre-school spaces

• **13,221** after-school spaces

= 26,030 total registered daycare spaces

(on September 1, 2015)

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Early Learning & Education by the Numbers

□ Did you know?

- NB is one of the first provinces to provide an **early learning and childcare framework** and is one of the only ones to make it mandatory.
- NB is known to have among the **most inclusive education systems in the world**.
- **83% of NB students graduate high school on time.** (Canadian average of 72 %).

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From your perspective...



Question # 1

What is working well within the current education system in New Brunswick?

Question #2

What is your vision of the future state of the education system in New Brunswick in 10 years from now?

Question #3

How can we reach your vision – what actions need to be implemented?

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Communication Plan for Lou MacNarin School

- How do we encourage parent engagement at Lou MacNarin School? Social media is a forum that many community members use to engage with friends and family. Is this an option for Lou MacNarin School? We have a Facebook page and a Home and School Hotmail address. Parents can access the school through the school web page. We would like this to be a forum for effective communication. We would need 2 – 3 volunteers to monitor what is posted. Could we set up a system to verify that the web content is from Lou MacNarin School? The committee will look at getting the page set up before the Ghostly Gala.

New Topics

Hot Topics

- Parent engagement.
- Protocols at school being shared with parents/communication
- Drop Off Zone
- Pick up afterschool

Member Topics

Schedule for the Year

- Days and Times
- Mondays @ 6 PM

- Dates
- November 23
- January 11
- March 14
- April 25
- June 13

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Reminder that PSSC Training will occur on October 20th.
- Updates on Early Years staffing
- Updates from the survey
- Update on Facebook
- Updates on Parking
- School Improvement Planning