

# Parent School Support Committee

## Minutes for the meeting of December 10, 2019

Present: Mike Belong, April Jay, Laura McManaman, Lisa Farley, Graham McCrea, Lorie Edwards, Leslie Kelly, Jill McDonald, Mike Williamson, Donna Carter

Absent: Cathy Leblanc, Krista Kendall, Matt Summit

Minutes taken and prepared by: Donna Carter

### 1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Moved by: Jill
- Seconded by: Lisa

### 2. Student Report

- N/A

### 3. Correspondence

- N/A

### 4. Teacher Report

- Ms. McManaman reported that some of our French Immersion students recently participated in a taping of the Young Chefs TV show. The show will be broadcast sometime in January.
- The EAL group recently started a schoolwide initiative to use more culturally diverse books in the school. This ties in nicely with the school's plan for increasing diversity and inclusion.
  - Moncton High will be presenting its first student led musical this year called "No Christmas for Me". The show will be opening December 12-14th.
  - Mr. Belong travelled to Halifax with several students to see Barack Obama speaking at an event. Students described this experience as outstanding.
  - Students were working on a Christmas float for the parade this fall (during enriched study block). Now that the float is complete, they are collecting items for youth who are at risk. They are also collecting items for the first annual holiday bazaar where items will be sold for a small fee. This money will go towards charity. The Knights Community Council are also collecting food to "fill the bus". The classroom with the most items collected will win a pizza party.

### 5. Principals Report

- A. Collaborative Inquiry project - Mr. Belong showed the group the demographics of Moncton High. Since 20% of the school population is from abroad, English language levels are extremely varied and this is creating challenges for teachers. A software program called "Math Help Services" is being trialed that will move away from strict grade level curricula and more towards personalized learning. The cost of the software is \$25 per student and Mr. belong was able to obtain enough funding to purchase the software for grade nines and tens. The program also has translation capabilities.

- B. Student Wellness Survey – 38,000 students in the district completed a wellness survey in 2015/16 and again in 2018/19. Results were compared from each year and showed district averages compared to Moncton High averages. Topics included screen time, activity levels, nutrition, work paid work time, volunteer time, etc. Mr. Belong will send the results of this survey to the group.

6. New Business

-N/A

7. Upcoming meetings;

January 14

February 18

March 24

April 28

June 9

8. Adjournment

- Adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.