

PSSC
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Mr. Bobbitt
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Regrets from Kelly Kyle, April MacDonald, Julie Corbett, Louize Malone

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes was the position of Vice-Chair, Jodi Ravn was nominated and she accepted the position.

PSSC Budget remains the same at 1061.94 which pays for Synervoice. It cost roughly \$2.50 per child for Synervoice but it is used for many areas of communication between the school and home.,

Discussion was focused on the Volunteer Initiative. It was discussed how to start the program, who should be a part of the program? Should it be parents alone? The community as a whole? Businesses?

The following are areas of need

1. Reading :currently the main demand is reading to students which would be 1/2 hour of a person's time.
2. Noon hour Clubs: 20 minutes of someone's time. This can consist of the gym or kids coming together to play lego, board games, sports. It is really the kids that choose what kind a club to have. The times that require someone to monitor the kids would be as follows: 11:40-12:10 and 12:10-12:40. The demand may mean 3-5 adult supervision.

It was discussed that a letter should be drafted to send out to parents in January letting them know of the serving opportunities within the school. Also, it was mentioned that it would be great to have the school website list the needs with a drop down window. It was also discussed that it should be reinforced through the newsletter of the needs and where to find them (website).

April is national volunteer week and it would be nice to see the volunteers who currently help out and those to come, be recognized for their volunteering.

School Improvement Plan: Nov 30, 2012 was a PD day and the focused on Literacy. They looked at the standards for writing per grade level on provincial level.

The upcoming January 7, 2013 PD day will focus on math. The January 8, 2013 PD day is District designated so the program will be their focus.

There was a round table discussion on how parents are clueless how to help students in

math. Parents struggle to help in the smallest of math tasks as the students are learning different strategies from when parents went to school. It was discussed that perhaps the math mentor and teachers could possibly do a math video(s) to assist parents on how to do math. It would be wonderful for them to create it and allow it on the website so parents can view what and how math is learned throughout the grade levels.

We wished everyone a Merry Christmas and adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is set for January 29th. 6:30pm