

**PSSC Minutes
October 27, 2016**

Attendees:

Stephen Campbell
Jacob Powning

Robin Baird
Sara Powning

Lory-Ann MacAskill
Kim Clancy

Joan Babineau

Community School Update

- **New to Sussex students – get together.** The idea is to help the students feel connected to the school. Had a snack time with cookies and talking about all the places they have lived logged it onto the map in the tech wing. Small exercise for the students to find out where in the world their teachers have lived. Prizes will be given out.
- **Breakfast Club** – recipients of a Sussex Area Community Foundation grant for the purchase of two new ranges. Received \$1000 from Sobey's, established a new partnership with Mrs. Dunster's.
- **Health** – started the Man 2 Man and the The Empowerment Project with our grade 7 students. This is a one day program focused on healthy relationships. The program is offered through the Sussex Committee for the Prevention of family Violence. All grade 7 classes will participate in this program over the next couple of months.
- **Art:** Partnered with the RCMP for a fund raiser for Special Olympics with the decorating of pumpkins then a auction of the Pumpkins. There are still some pumpkins available for sale (or taking) on the stage in the cafeteria.
- **WE DAY School** – We are running our "WE Scare Hunger" Stuff the Bus food drive until November 14th. Trying to beat St. Stephen Middle School. There will be class prizes and if we beat St. Stephen then our students will be awarded a sock hop.
- **Leadership Team** – packed groceries at Sobey's on Saturday as part of our Terry Fox Fundraiser and they raised \$879.00. Stay tuned for the final total.
- **October Birthday Club** was held today with 40 students celebrating - lots of fun.

Money

- **PSSC Budget** – This is whatever is left over from Synervoice. This may be covered by district this year so once that is finalized we will know the budget to work with.
- **Magazine Campaign** – This is a tremendous fundraiser and provides funding for student activities, field trips, bussing, end of year trips, prizes for special events, helps with band trip.
- **\$25 Activity Fees** – This goes towards agenda planners, locks, mini bus, student activities (sports, clubs, activities, band etc.), and guest speakers.
- **Specific grades do fundraising for class supplies**

Fundraising Discussion: *Stephen felt that fundraising seems to be constant and asked if others thought it was too much. Everyone agree that they don't like it but that it seems to be a necessary evil in terms of providing what is needed.*

Assessment Results

- Robin reviewed the 2015-16 Grade 6 Math and Reading results for SMS, district and province.
- Provincial goal is 90% appropriate and above, our numbers are much lower.
- New literacy achievement goal – progressive. If we follow this path, we will see success. We are also working on a numeracy goal for the year.

Math RTI (Response to Intervention)

- Elementary schools now doing screeners in June prior to the kids going to SMS to give indications of issues, strengths etc.
- PLC this year have focused specifically on one question with all grades – reading large numbers – to work on during RTI.
- The next one to be targeted is place value with decimal number and fractions.
- Every two weeks we have a numeracy mentor for a 1.5 days

Principal's Meeting

- Reviewed "Everyone at their Best" – the 10 year education plan
- Brought feedback from the teachers to the conference regarding the objectives/framework of the plan.
- There was a lot of good discussion and sharing.

SCAF Grants

- Have received money for the multisensory room.

Governor General's Award Recipient

- There are only 6 in the country
- 1997 was the last time there was an NB recipient
- Our three teachers – Brian Clancy, Lisa Sheppard, Catherine Morneault – will go to Ottawa to receive the awards
- They also receive an all expense trip to Vimy next year

Other:

- **Staff update** – Both Jeannette Fisher and Jason Polly have received B contracts.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – all meetings to start at 7:00:

- December 1
- January 19
- February 16
- March 20
- April 27
- June 8 (final meeting – supper)