

**Rothesay Elementary School**

**Parent School Support Committee 2020/2021**

**Meeting Minutes
*February 1, 2021***

**Present:** Charlene Carroll (Principal), Candace Babcock, Amy Bannerman, Barb Humphrey, Jeanette Mclenaghan, Adrienne Boudreau, Sarah Simms, Jon Barry (DEC member)

**Regrets:** Christina Fraser

**Parent Observers:** N/A

1. Call to Order

-Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Adrienne Boudreau.

1. Review of last months minutes- nothing to add.
2. Introductions with Jon Barry, DEC member, who joined us for the first time this evening. He is committed to advocating for technology in schools, and he is involved in the Sweet Caroline and Allergy Awareness Board of Canada. We discussed the use of MS Teams for virtual parent-teacher meetings. Mr. Barry informed us that 60% of 2700 respondents to the survey on using MS Teams for parent-teacher conferences, reported that they preferred doing it virtually.
3. School Improvement Plan (SIP) was presented by Mrs. Carroll. It was updated by the school team in January 2021. It is still in its initial phase.

Main focus:

-to implement school-wide Tier 1 positive behaviour intervention strategies (PBIS) (e.g., “We Thinkers” (Social Program for K-2), social emotional learning, growth mindset, data collection/monitoring by the classroom teacher to show need for more intensive intervention from District Support Services Teams or another outside agency

-identified need for in-school data keeping for math since curriculum has changed. Also, for phonological awareness and phonics screeners.

 -oral language development- going to focus on the vocabulary building block (i.e., outlining specific vocabulary to target at home at school readiness presentation for upcoming kindergarteners)

SIP and Core Learning teams will combine to work on SIP initiatives.

1. Budget: $289.95 left in our PSSC budget after providing funding for teachers to make materials (e.g., laminating film, coloured paper). Agreed on money to spend on postage for mailing vocabulary development materials to students entering kindergarten next year.
2. New Business- Funding for a greenhouse- Charlene will connect with the Community School Coordinator to discuss support from YMCA (non profit) for the Greenhouse.
3. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm. Next meeting scheduled for March 8th, 2021.