

**Rothesay Elementary School**

**Parent School Support Committee 2020/2021**

**Meeting Minutes
*March 8th, 2021***

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

**Regrets:** Christina Fraser, Adrienne Boudreau

**Parent Observers:** N/A

1. Call to Order

-Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Candace Babcock.

1. Review of last months minutes- nothing to add
2. Budget- All PSSC money has been spent on the laminator.
3. Reading resources- April Vincent, VP reported recently purchasing Jolly Phonics Readers and Fly Leaf Publications for English students in K-3. These are decodable books for more of a focus on phonics, which is in-line with the science/research on literacy. Charlene Carroll reported another recent purchase of Jolly Phonics Whiteboard for $800 to use on smartboards for English K-2 due to facilitate decoding/phonics of reading rather than previous focus on sight words. Teachers are reporting significant data showing progress in reading outcomes with this focus on decoding.
4. $25,000 received in community grant for Green House project. This is great news for the school and community. RES will need to raise another $5,000 on their own to support this project next year. The Town of Rothesay will be promoting this project as well for community use.
5. Jon Barry spoke of role on the DEC- looking to be more of an active participant in his involvement with our school (i.e., advocacy role). It’s a challenging year for advocating due to Covid-19 restrictions. Jon is pushing for early vaccinations for teenagers to get them back at school full-time. RES PSSC committee agrees in the importance of advocating for this due to mental health implications as well as academic and social consequences.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm. Next meeting scheduled for April 12th, 2021.