Rothesay Elementary School

Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) 2015/16

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

1. Meeting Called to order at 6:32 PM

Members Present: Charlene Carroll (Principal RES), Wendy Romeo (Co-Chairperson), Kim MacDonald (Co-Chairperson), Amanda Higgins (Secretary), and Jonathon Kierstead (faculty representative).

Members Absent: Glenda Munro (community and parent representative), Natalie McClune (parent representative), and Kristy Mark (parent representative)

All parents are invited to sit in any of the PSSC meetings to listen to the discussions regarding the School Plan. Only members of the PSSC are able to vote on issues. Individual issues should still be addressed by either the student’s teacher or the principal, not during these meetings.

2. Review of last Month’s Minutes

Minutes were accepted and will be posted on the website.

3. May School Report

Grade 4 provincial field testing assessments start May 16, 2016. This is a pilot test and includes math, science, and literacy assessment. This will eventually replace the current Grade 2 literacy comprehension testing which assessments for this start May 24, 2016 and continues until May 28, 2016. June 2 the grade 5 students visit Harry Miller and Rothesay Park middle schools. Shortly after this, the staff of the grade 5 students will meet with grade 6 staff to transfer knowledge and information regarding student needs assessments. June 3 is Kindergarten Transition Day, so students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall will spend some time in a classroom and on a school bus. The Rothesay Elementary School Fun Run is scheduled for June 4. Grade 5 students will be able to try out for the Hampton Ed. Centre Track and Field Event which is on June 22. Kidsing will be performing at the school on June 22. On June 23 there will be an Olympic Field Day and Home and School BBQ. Parent volunteers are needed. June 24 is a half day of school and the Grade 5 Farewell and DARE graduation will be held in the morning for parents and students.

There will be one less classroom next year making a total of 21 classrooms. As of now in the fall there will be 3 Kindergarten classes, 4 Grade 1 classes, 3 Grade 2 classes, 2 Grade 3 English classes and 2 Grade 3 French classes, 2 Grade 4 English classes and 1 Grade 4 French class, 1 grade 4/5 FI split class, 2 Grade 5 English classes and 1 Grade 5 FI class.

We are losing some resource and guidance time due to ISD model as these teachers will also have to teach some classes.

4. Guidelines for School Fees

There are guidelines in place for school supply lists. Teachers, in each of the grade levels, get together and review the policy. They determine what students need for that grade level, with regards to school supplies. All classes in the same grade level will have the same list of school supplies. Teachers are asked to keep this list to a minimum and not to request brand names.

Rothesay Elementary does not charge a school fee. The school would have to account for every cent that is collected from the parents and what is being purchased. If there was monies left over this would have to be given back to parents.

This school has stopped asking students to purchase organizers/agendas; teachers are sending home weekly homework sheets. Instead of asking parents for a school fee at the beginning of the school year, parents are given a list of school supplies that they can shop for on their own and spend what they want. If they want their children to participate in extra activities i.e. skating or field trips, then money is collected at the time the event is going to occur.

5. New Business

Members who want to remain on PSSC – Wendy Romeo, Kim MacDonald and Amanda Higgins. Jonathan Kierstead has volunteered to be the teacher representative again next year if he is employed at RES. Amanda will check and see if Natalie McClune would like to stay on the committee next year. Goal: each member should try to recruit one new member. It would be nice to have 4 more volunteers in the fall.

6. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting closed at 7:20 PM.