Rothesay Elementary School

Parent School Support Committee 2016/2017

Minutes: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

1. **Call to Order and Welcome Members**

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Each member introduced themselves to the group.

Present: Charlene Carroll (Principal), Jonathon Kierstead (teacher representative), Belinda Kumar, Kim MacDonald, Misty Pilgrim, Wendy Romeo, Nathalie McClune, Ocean Peters, Stephen Smith, and Amanda Higgins.

Absent: Celeste Noftell, Khristie Leblanc, Linda Burns, and Melissa Gillet.

2. **Election of Chairperson and Secretary**

Kim MacDonald volunteered to be Chairperson. All members of the group who were present during the meeting supported this decision.

Belinda Kumar volunteered to be Secretary. All members of the group who were present during the meeting supported this decision.

3. **Training – Powerpoint Presentation**

Charlene Carroll went through slides outlining what the PSSC is and the objectives of the committee for this school year.

4. **Declaration Form Signing**

Each new and returning member of the committee signed a declaration form and passed it back to Charlene Carroll.

5. **School Improvement Plan Overview**

The committee will be looking at each of the three goals in detail of the School Improvement Plan for the 2016/2017 school year. This is the second year for this plan. The three smart goals are:

1. By June 2018, RES students will increase the overall mean score on the math screener assessment tool from 74% to 85%.

In June 2015 data was retrieved through a math screener assessment given to students at the end of the school year. The overall mean score was 74%. Grades K-2 questionnaire had 7 questions with a total score of 14. The Grade 3 assessment had 8 questions with a total score of 16. Grade 4-5 assessment had 7 questions with a total score of 14. In June 2016 the math screener assessment was given out again and the overall mean score this time was 77.8%. RES has seen an increase in the mean score for the math screener assessment tool. The school will continue to work towards an 85% increase for June 2018. Teachers have already started to use Guided Math instruction in class and using common language for mental math strategies.

2. By June 2016, teachers will be provided with monthly professional learning opportunities to expose teachers to examples of and data supporting the concept of stretch learning.

Stretch learning involves teachers digging deeper into the curriculum to help children to build on skills whether it is to challenge students who have caught on to concepts early or to try other techniques to help children who need to look at concepts differently to move forward in the curriculum.

Teachers have been sharing ideas throughout the first year about Stretch Learning techniques and most have already started using the technique in their classrooms. There were 10 examples of project based learning designed, led and completed by student participation last year.

3. By June 2018 80% of students will be able to self-assess their writing using co-constructed criteria.

Teachers completed a book study of “Knowing What Counts. Self Assessment and Goal Setting”. Teachers have started to expose students to how they can self assess their own writing skills. Children are coming up with criteria that allows them to compare their own work to examples of poor, fair, good and great levels of writing … described in their own terms.

6. **DEC PSSC Workshop**

October 18, 2016 there will be a Workshop put on by the District Education Committee further explaining the role of the PSSC. This will start at 6:30pm. Supper will be provided. Members of RES PSSC will let Charlene know by email if they are interested in attending by Thursday October 13, 2016.

7. **New Business**

It was asked, in light of students practicing lockdown drills, why the front doors are not locked. The principal and secretary of the school have a clear view of any individual who enters the front door of the school. There are criteria in place if school offices do not have a view of the front door (ie. Cameras, buzzers, locked front doors). RES meets standards that do not require front doors to be locked. Charlene will bring it up with maintenance department.

8. **Meeting Adjourned** at 7:48 PM. Next meeting is set for November 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM.