

Fairvale Elementary School
PSSC Meeting – November 16, 2017

Minutes

1. **Attendance** – 8 members, including:

Principal – Bonnie Hierlihy
Vice-Principal – Ashley Dobbin
Vice Chair – Sharf Chowdhury (newly appointed)
Secretary – Yulia Roherty
Jessie Chartrand
Leah Trevor
Nela Ramirez
Jill MacDonald

Regrets: Sara Branch, Kevin Finnigan, Angela Little, Emily McGill, Chuck McKibbon, Sean Ryan

2. **Approval of the October minutes** – Minutes are approved and to be posted on the FES website for public viewing.
3. **FES School Improvement Plan – Overview of Ends Policy # 2 (Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick)**

Points discussed:

- a. Smart goal for reading, including such strategies as:

- ✓ 9 elements of balanced literacy
- ✓ Administration of benchmark assessment (FES initiative; with evaluation three times a year and setting intervention targets)
- ✓ Stretch learning opportunities
- ✓ Early Learning Friends (ELF) program
- ✓ Increased engagement in reading through technology (literacy games on iPads)
- ✓ Professional learning opportunities for teachers
- ✓ Daily 5 and ASD-S Blotter
- ✓ Focus on comprehension

- b. Smart goal for writing, including such strategies as:

- ✓ 6 traits of writing
- ✓ Administration of benchmark assessment (November, March and June)
- ✓ Additional support for teachers in implementing the balanced literacy approach
- ✓ Increased engagement in writing for students through Pen Pals, Mrs. Hierlihy's Magic Mailbox, Thank-you letters, etc.
- ✓ Writer's Workshop (teaching steps of the writing process)

✓ ASD-S Literacy Blotter

- c. Suggestion from a committee member that teachers share innovative ideas and methodology on successful reading with kids at home.
 - d. Formative Assessment Diagram ("Triangulation of Data" –products, observations, conversations as an essential part of a balanced assessment program)
4. **Overview of the Parent's Guide to the New Brunswick Provincial K-8 Report Card**
- a. Achievement Scale Overview: 1 to 4+ (2017-2018)
 - b. Learning Habits Overview (Grades K-8) and Report Scale for Learning Habits
5. **Once Around the Table** - Questions and positive comments from the members
6. **Adjourn Meeting – next PSSC meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018**

Thank you and Merry Christmas!