

Fairvale Elementary School
PSSC Meeting – October 19, 2017

Minutes

1. **Attendance** – 16 members, including:

The Principal – Bonnie Hierlihy
The Vice-Principal – Ashley Dobbin
Chair of the Committee – Emily McGill
District Education Council (DEC) Representative - Linda Sherbo
Two teachers
Ten parents

2. **PSSC Overview**

- a. Handing out and reviewing PSSC Booklets; reviewing the roles of PSSC, the Principal and the Superintendent; getting familiar with the FES School Improvement Plan and the five Ends Policies to be discussed at a later time
- b. Responsibilities of the members – to review the agenda and the ends policy of the choice, prior to the meeting (if possible); to inform the committee of any negotiations among the parents in the community and bring occurring issues to the table
- c. Future PSSC Meetings:

November 16
January 25
February 22
April 19
May 24, or every **third Thursday** of each month, excluding December and March
- d. Declaration Forms – to be signed, witnessed and handed in by the members (once per year)

3. **Appointment of Officials**

- a. Vice Chair (carries the duties in absence of Chair) – to be determined ***
- b. Secretary (records and prepares minutes for distribution) – Yulia Roherty (parent)

4. **School Improvement Plan Overview** – see notes above

5. **PSSC Orientation Night**

- a. October 24, Hampton High School, 6:30-8:30 pm (light supper available at 6:00)
- b. Sessions for new and returning members, teacher reps and Chairs (Rob Fowler)

6. **Once Around the Table**

- a. We have eight new members this year!
- b. Suggestion for better communication and connecting with other PSSCs, in order to share and discuss some major topics, such as Internet Safety, and organize joint information nights
- c. Linda Sherbo spoke about the role of DEC and the Greater Saint John community in conglomerating, reorganizing and restructuring some old schools with declined enrollment in the area
- d. Youth event at the Harbour Station next Thursday being funded by Canada 150 and promoting NB pride in local youth. District is also looking at organizing a We Day type event at Harbour Station in May. Superintendent is working with community partners to try to make it happen.
- e. Preparations for "We Day" (November 30, in Halifax); FES Grade 5 (and 4) students are assigned leadership roles in order to get on the "Me to We" Team and participate in this event. Spaces are limited. This is our school's 4th year participating in the We Day. In order for the local schools to be invited, they need to be actively involved in the community by choosing charities and providing for them. "Me to We" Team members (FES students) have to do a minimum of two hours of voluntary community work, like a clean-up, bottle drive or helping at a seniors' home. We Day is a big deal for many students. For more information about this event, you can contact Bonnie Hierlihy or Ashley Dobbin.

7. **Adjourn Meeting**

Preliminary agenda for our November meeting – Ends Policy # 2 and the Spring Symposium

Thank you!