**Fairvale Elementary School**

**PSSC Meeting – January 26, 2017**

**Minutes**

1. **Attendance** – 8 members
2. **End Policy Discussion - #3** (*Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in numeracy skills, striving to meet and exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick)*

* Smart Goal:
* Differentiation of math instruction and assessment to meet the goals of the 10 year education plan
* Target – Overall math skills improvement K-Gr. 2
* Objective – To familiarize all the instructors with the brand new teaching resources
* Strategies:
* Establishment of Math Assessment Leads at FES (January 2017)
* Professional learning on the New Report card (2018). New grading system: 1 through 4+
* Collaboration with Numeracy Leads through classroom observations, collaborative planning and support
* Putting stress on formative (ongoing) rather than summative assessment to eliminate gaps in teaching math concepts
* Following the Lesson Decision Making Continuum
* Enriching students who are within the exceeding range of mathematical development
* Creating and implementing a Balanced Assessment diagram for the staff (Plan – Do – Check – Act)

1. **Wellness Survey Results -**

Students were offered to assess their degree of participation in fitness activities, student led clubs and extracurricular activities, as well as offer their opinion regarding school environment, positive attitude, peer support, counselling, safety, etc. The results were above average or within the Canadian norm. Results on bullying are below the Canadian norm.

1. **Grades 1 and 3 Enrollment Update -**

For French immersion classes our enrollment is higher for the next year compared to the previous year, which may result in some restructuring, reorganizing and hiring additional French immersion staff. For the next couple of years, there will be three different types of FI classes in the province, Gr. 1, 3 and 6 points of entry. However, further on, Grade 3 early immersion classes will be completely eliminated.

1. **PSSC at School Functions** –

Upcoming event – February 23, FES Curriculum Night.

PSSC members will make appearance at the event, wearing name tags and (possibly) PSSC T-shirts (to be ordered by Bonnie ☺), with the goal to promote the work of the Committee and recruit new members. Promotional leaflets will be circulated.

1. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting -**

* Wellness Event – Wednesday, February 15 (evening, TBD) @ FES Library. Topic – Mental Health and Resilience in Children and Adolescents, in partnership with the local psychologist Danny Miles (Burbridge & Associates).
* School Sign is up. We love it! An observation was made that the sign is not reflective, as we originally negotiated, but it wasn’t an easy process working with the town on the construction of the sign. The Committee has proposed to add a manual announcements board to the sign in the future, highlighting the school’s current and upcoming events.

1. **Once around the table** -

* Overall positive response on the school’s policies and innovations, the tremendous, continuous input of the staff and administration
* A suggestion to create a You-tube channel for FES parents, with some helpful parenting tips on some simple routines (“SOS of FES” – sorry, the name just popped into my mind as I am typing this… we can discuss it at our next meeting ☺)
* Finally, it was suggested that parents need a math teaching resource to support their kids with homework

1. **Final Notes -**

* Next meeting proposed date – February 23, which will coincide with FES Curriculum night (see note above). Most PSSC members will plan to attend. It was also suggested to bring a tray of sweets to share with the parents who will attend the event.
* There will be no meeting in March.

Thank you!