

PSSC Minutes

General PSSC Orientation ASD-S 2017

Date: Tuesday October 24, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:30-8:15

Meeting Room: HHS Theatre

Present (✓) Regrets (R)

R	Mrs. Blanchard	\checkmark	Sue Delong	R	Christa Brown
R	Mrs. J Stewart	\checkmark	Candace Muir	R	Shelly Tupper
R	Mrs. Jen Salgado	R	Jennifer Sheils	\checkmark	Richard Malone
\checkmark	Pam Wallace	\checkmark	Kathy LeBail		

Agenda Items

Dis	cussion / Action	Owner
1.0	 Presentation by Big Brothers Big Sisters: Works from Sussex to St Stephen since 1972 helping kids who need mentors. They attempt to match volunteers with the child's interests: waitlist 2-3yrs Now doing in school mentoring with 1 hr/week commitment (adult and teen mentors) "Go girls" program (14 weeks: healthy eating, self-esteem and activity) "Game on" program for boys (7wks: eating, activity and what it is to be a guy) Extensive screening as child safety is first. Looking for volunteers 	Meagin Huisma
2.0	 Role of the DEC: DECs focus on education issues at the district level. They develop policies which detail the district goals and expectations. Once the goals and expectations are set, they monitor the results. The members of the DEC are volunteers. Members are elected or appointed from the community to serve four-year terms of office. The DEC currently has the following responsibilities: Hire, direct and establish limits for the Superintendent (their sole employee); Establish governance policy; Develop and monitor District Education Plans; Set district policy within the framework of provincial policy; Review district performance reports and make them public; Review School Improvement Plans, and school performance reports for each school in the district; Ensure the Superintendent follows provincial policies and procedures; Have management, care and control of school property; Monitor budget and expended funds (district expenditure plan); Facilitate community use of schools; Initiate school establishment and closures; Monitor trust fund expenditures; Review Superintendent performance on an annual basis; Identify capital construction project priorities. A District Education Council does not: Establish the school calendar or curriculum; Set provincial education standards; Develop and curriculum to the standards; 	Rob Fowler Chair of DEC
	 Develop provincial budgets; Intervene in daily operations of the school district. Other interesting facts: The DEC serves Sussex to Campobello with three education centres: St Stephen (15 schools), Saint	

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	•	0 schools), and Hampton (25 schools). The challenges facing the DEC include: tighter fiscal	
		s, declining enrolment (22% decline in 15 years, and aging infrastructure.)	
3.0	Role	of PSSC:	
	•	Presentation from PSSC chair from MCS (Jacqueline Fraser)	J. Fraser
	•	Interesting tidbits:	
		 MCS: Babysitting offered and funded by Home and School 	
		 Use of Facebook to update on PSSC and Home and School 	
		• Meetings are kept short as attendees review information via e-mails prior	
		to meetings. (Meetings 45 minutes)	
		 Valued PSSC role in policies, 10 year plan etc. 	
		 Recently acquired a sign to communicate school activities to community 	Bonnie Denmon
		 PSSC has a role in facilitating transitions between schools 	
	•	Principal role with PSSC presentation by Bonnie Denmons from HMMS highlights:	
	•	 She values working together with a team and communication to parents 	
		and greater community	
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		 Collaborative approach is beneficial to meet ever changing needs of staff 	
4.0	DOCO	and students	Dala Facilia
4.0	r990	Budget:	Rob Fowler
	•	Budget is set by the DEC and based on number of students. Minimum amount is	Chair of DEC
		\$500/school.	
	•	Money should be used for communication with parents or activities that support	
		the SIP/ school (guest speakers, family literacy, cyber bullying, mental health etc.)	
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0 Data Availa	able to PSSC	Zoe Watson	
		Superintender	
Req	 Requests can be made to principal for data as follows: 		
-	Perception Surveys		
	Wellness surveys		
	Attendance reports		
	 Behaviour tracking 		
	 Policy 704 (Allergies) 		
	 Number of Personalized Learning Plans 		
	 Student dropout rates 		
	o Enrollment numbers		
	 Course enrollment(high School) 		
	 Extra-curricular activities 		
	 Assessment data (international, national and provincial) 		
	 School Review Report 		
	 School Improvement Plan 		
	 Positive Learning Environment 		
	EECD Grade 12 Exit Survey Results		
Open foru	n with PSSC members from all schools	Roger Nesbitt	
• Con:	sider pooling resources between PSSCs to secure guest speakers		
 Sugg 	estion to have lunch and learn opportunities for parents		
Cons	sider using local ISD resources and expertise for guest panels		
• Disc	ussion of success at HES/HMS with transition to middles school open house		
• Disc	ussion about need to diversify communication (Facebook, twitter, email,		
voic	email.)		
• Disc	ussion about success of "It takes a Village to build a teen" with many PSSCs in		
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	ussed success of Parent Power night at HES		
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Adjournment: 8:15

Minutes submitted by: Pamela Wallace

Next Meeting: Monday November 20 at 6:30 in HES library

Topics for next meeting: