



PSSC Minutes

General PSSC Orientation ASD-S 2017

Meeting Room: HHS Theatre

Date: Tuesday October 24, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:30-8:15

Present (✓) Regrets (R)

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

Agenda Items

Discussion / Action	Owner
<p>1.0 Presentation by Big Brothers Big Sisters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Huisman
<p>2.0 Role of the DEC:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • Maintain linkages with Parent School Support Committees and the community; • Monitor trust fund expenditures; • Review Superintendent performance on an annual basis; • Identify capital construction project priorities. <p>A District Education Council does not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the school calendar or curriculum; • Set provincial education standards; • Develop provincial budgets; • Intervene in daily operations of the school district. <p>Other interesting facts: The DEC serves Sussex to Campobello with three education centres: St Stephen (15 schools), Saint</p>	Rob Fowler Chair of DEC

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<p>6.0 Data Available to PSSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests can be made to principal for data as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perception Surveys ○ Wellness surveys ○ Attendance reports ○ Behaviour tracking ○ Policy 704 (Allergies) ○ Number of Personalized Learning Plans ○ Student dropout rates ○ 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 	<p>Zoe Watson Superintendent</p>
<p>7.0 Open forum with PSSC members from all schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider pooling resources between PSSCs to secure guest speakers • Suggestion to have lunch and learn opportunities for parents • Consider using local ISD resources and expertise for guest panels • Discussion of success at HES/HMS with transition to middles school open house • Discussion about need to diversify communication (Facebook, twitter, email, voicemail.) • Discussion about success of “It takes a Village to build a teen” with many PSSCs in Saint John working together in a three part series. • Discussed success of Parent Power night at HES 	<p>Roger Nesbitt</p>

Adjournment: 8:15

Minutes submitted by: *Pamela Wallace*

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

Topics for next meeting: