



PSSC Minutes

Chair: Candace Muir

Meeting Room: Virtually (TEAMS)

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2021

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Present (✓) Regrets (R)

✓	Mrs. Blanchard (Principal)	✓	Elizabeth Dickson (H&S liaison)		
R	Mrs. Stewart (Vice Principal)	✓	Kathy Lebail	R	Kathleen Clark
✓	Ms. J Salgado (Teacher)	R	Elisha Dickinson-Mills	R	Sarah Hopkins
R	Richard Malone (DEC)	✓	Lindsay Hall (Recorder)	✓	Amy Grant
✓	Candace Muir (Chair)	✓	Melissa Adams	✓	Allison Chorley

Agenda Items

Discussion / Action	Owner
1.0 Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candace called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. 	Candace Muir
2.0 Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved as presented 	PSSC members
3.0 Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved minutes 	PSSC Minutes
4.0 New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance review. Graph updated by Mrs. Blanchard. Spike in 3-4 week of September. Big spike related to case at HMS the 3rd week of November, many of these cases were a result of parents deciding to keep children home. Normal attendance otherwise. No letters this year being sent for missed days. We are having children missing less time than compared to last year. The hope is that the increased handwashing, wearing of masks and more outdoor and physical time will decrease the overall absences. 	Mrs. Blanchard

5.0 Principal's Report Student Fees: # outstanding is 23 School Improvement Plan and Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers are meeting in PLC regularly. Not much new in terms of SIPS Snow Day Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None yet Attendance update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of student missing more than 20 days- 12 # of student missing more than 10 days- 36 # of student missing more than 5 days- 100+ Teachers are still doing what they can. Behaviors Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers feeling overwhelmed due to bubble. Kids are together all day with no breaks from one another. No real bullying Trying to get kids to build social skills, problem solving. No clubs available due to Covid-19 restrictions. Budget Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decided to purchase items for sensory room. Lindsay could not go in to view the layout 	Mrs. Blanchard
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for the room.

- A smart board was delivered for the room.
- Lindsay spoke about the sensory room plans.
- Grant application for grade 4 literacy for \$1500 was not successful.
- Immunization- needed to provide the data, only 2 have a note for exemption for immunization.

Discussion on Covid-19

- Sarah talked that compliance from kids has been wonderful. Announcement to say discourage kids from intermixing in the wings.
- No heads up given to teachers ahead of time on changes to Zones (moving from Orange to Red and children remaining in school).
- Conference call with principals as to what need to be done tomorrow morning. Teachers will need to be actively screened.
- Not possible to social distance in all classrooms (some classes have 24 in a class) we have people with mobility issues that need spacing for eating.
- Some classes have a safe zone to allow kids to take a break.
- Concerns over staffing, question to department for long term schools being operationally sound.
- Any child with one symptom cannot go to school in red zone. Active screen at home.
- Mask use is required during physical education. Less vigorous activities will be done.
- Use of staff room forbidden. No use of fridge, microwave. HES will be able to use photocopier.
- Positive case, school will be closed for 3 days to allow for contact tracing. School will be cleaned thoroughly.
- No extracurricular activities.
- More details when Mrs. Blanchard has a call tonight.
- 76 schools in district, 5 schools are impacted, 1 case at each school. School have been proven to be safe.

Health and safety

Getting salt and sand for the gaga ball pit from district to use.

Mouse Update

- There are a few mice present on the grade 2-3 side. The custodians thinks that the doors were left open when the temperature changed, that some have moved into the school. More sightings this year. The traps are out. Exterminators are coming on Fridays setting live traps and pick them up Sunday night. Sticky traps are out all the time.

Home and School Report:

- Planning to do a fundraiser in next few months. Money for outdoor classroom. Main focus.
- Teacher still have access to \$200 to spend on their classrooms

6.0	Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, February 22, 2021	Recorder
7.0	Adjournment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:30 PM	Recorder

Minutes submitted by: *Lindsay Hall*