



PSSC Minutes

Chair: Candace Muir

Meeting Room: HES Library

Date: Monday November 16, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Present (✓) Regrets (R)

✓	Mrs. Blanchard (Principal)	✓	Elizabeth Dickson (H&S liaison)	✓	Elisha Dickinson-Mills
R	Mrs. Stewart (Vice Principal)	✓	Kathy Lebail	✓	Kathleen Clark
✓	Ms. J Salgado (Teacher)	✓	Elisha Dickinson-Mills	✓	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 6:30 PM. 	Candace Muir
2.0 Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved as presented 	PSSC members
4.0 Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved minutes 	PSSC Minutes
3.0 New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance review. Graph presented of attendance data from Sept 8- present. By week 3, many kids out, may be from colds, waiting for testing and exhaustion. 5-10 absences per day is an average. 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

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4.0 Principal's Report Student Fees: # outstanding is 23 School Improvement Plan and Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four new goals set last year in March. We are in pilot year number two. Setting strategies to meet the goals now. 2020-2021 Enrollment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 296 (up 3 since last meeting due to change from home schooling.) Snow Day Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None yet Attendance update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of student missing more than 10 days- 2 (2019- 5) # of student missing more than 5 days- 21 (2019- 24) Behaviors Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills streaming ongoing- Kids are picking up on this quickly. Kids were struggling how to play with one another in their class bubble. But now, they are doing better with this. Several teachers have embraced that no kids are being left out. They are finding ways to engage each other. Nov-Dec- Friendship making skills Teachers are finding that there is no options to send to principal or make it right. Budget Report:	Mrs. Blanchard
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Operating Budget- Money was not taken away for March-June. New copiers bought for district initiative. 50% of budget goes to copying and machines. No limits on copies • 100 per teacher allocated for Tech fund. Item for delivering online learning. Many purchased drawing type tablets. Some got cameras. • School raised funds- Kids are skating now, kids can only go with one class at a time (rental of ice time). Kids will each go every second week for total of 5 times. Health nurses have established that only one parent, the same one, has to go every week. Not a school developed policy, strictly for Covid-19 precautions. • Rest of money from student fees is for teachers to purchase things for classroom • PSSC monies are typically \$675 or so. Last year items were purchased for classroom. Parent resource books have been purchased. • School would like to develop a Zones of Regulation Room in the old district office. Match the colors to each zone. <p><i>Motion put forward to allow the school for Lindsay to put together list of Sensory Items for room. Passed by group.</i></p> <p>Breakfast Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers are continuing to operate this program in their classrooms. They are now making oatmeal, bagels and toast for kids. • December newsletter to do a breakfast drive for HES. Request for snacks, cereal, oatmeal, bagels. <p>Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our grade 4 PLC has applied for an NBTA Teacher Grant (\$1500) for a specific literacy initiative. <p>Upcoming Staff Professional Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, Nov 20th ½ day report, ½ day professional learning <p>Parent Teacher Online sign-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking for more than one email for separate house holds. <p>Home and School Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current fundraising, no spending happening. • Teachers now have \$200 to spend on their classrooms. • Look at potential, socially distanced fundraiser for the new year • Looking into the possibility of an outdoor classroom. • Meetings are the second Thursday of the month in person. Next meeting is in December. <p>Immunization Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 students with incomplete; 2 student exempt. <p>Safety Procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 Operational Plan and changes • An appendices was added for skating. • Safety procedures on going: Fire drills (6 per year), secure the building, lock down and evacuation. • Fire drills done Sept. 15 and Oct 2. The second one was under a minute. • Secure the building/ lockdown drill completed Sept. 24th. • Emergency evacuation process is on hold due to Covid-19 and need to socially distance. <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion had about having more information for parents including teacher pictures, what’s happening in the classroom. 	
<p>5.0 PSSC Orientations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and responsibilities were reviewed. • PSSC handbook is available online to review. • Members signed acceptance form to PSSC. 	Mrs. Blanchard
<p>7.0 Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career week: First two weeks of November. There will be a virtual expo and dress up day on November 13th • Remembrance Day: Ceremony to take place on Nov. 10th, school closed on Nov. 11th. • Report card writing/ Professional Learning- Nov. 20th 	Mrs. Blanchard

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Jersey Day- Nov. 26th & 27th • Community PJ day in support of Hestia House Nov 27th • Online Scholastic Book Fair- Nov 30-Dec 7th • Ring a Bell Campaign (for Mental Health) Nov 30th-Dec 4th • Home Reports- Dec 1st • Parent Teacher Interviews- Dec 3rd & 4th • Christmas Concert- Virtual this year. Link to be sent to all families • Grinch day/ A Christmas Carol “virtual Minecraft World” • First day back for kids January 4th, 2021 	
<p>8.0 Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, January 18th, 2021 at 6:30 PM 	Recorder
<p>9.0 Adjournment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 PM 	Recorder

Minutes submitted by: *Lindsay Hall*