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## D.A.T.L. PSSC Committee Meeting

October 10, 2017

### Minutes

#### Present :

Lisa Jardine

Sarah Creighton

Meaghan Adams

Sarah Brannon

Jill Brown

Lindsay Hall

Jenni Butler

#### Regrets:

Elisha Dickinson Mills

Barbie Lazzari

### 1. New Report Card

Sue Boyle, grade 2 teacher at DATL, presented on the new report card. A sample report card was distributed for the group to review.

Key Points:

- Areas assessed are the same as before. But, there is a new grading scale.
- Less room for teacher remarks, limited to 700 characters.
- Less characters (350 characters) for physical education, you and your world, music, art.
- No additional sheets to be sent home with the report card.
- Learning habits have changed as well as the rating scale.
- This new home report is for grade K-8.

PSSC recommended that a reminder regarding the new home reports go out in the November newsletter and that additional information be reference in talk mails leading up to home reports being sent out on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Lisa indicated that a brochure for the new home report will be attached to November newsletter email.

### 2. Priority Unit work based on 10-year education plan

Kathy Wallace, DATL numeracy lead, spoke to PSSC in regards to numeracy skills

Key Points

- The goal of the province is that primary level numeracy abilities be 80% level appropriate or above by 2020.

- Province is now focusing on the numeracy skills of grades k-2.
- Kathy's role at DATL is to work with teachers on the process of teaching numeracy. Extensive research done on why province has flatlined in math. On all measures, nationally/ internationally, we were falling behind.
- New materials have been developed to help teachers. One was providing a yearly map to plan their year.
- Teachers are also being given tasks to help with assessing outcomes development. Data collection sheets have been created. The goal is to collect formative data on all the math learning areas. Kathy is assisting teachers to make it easier to collect the data.
- Math bench marks were rolled out in September. This was submitted to the province. They will re-administer in June

\*\*The PSSC has asked that Lisa invite Heidi Stoddart to come next month to discuss the literacy priority unit.

### **3. Nominate a Neighbor initiative**

- DATL is looking to recruit more volunteers for the school.
- Lisa reports that the new Breakfast program volunteer positions are mostly filled.
- Sarah B, Lindsay and Jill agreed to work on the brochure for Nominate and Neighbor and to provide a final copy to Sarah C for distribution prior to Halloween.
- Lisa agreed to talk about nominate a neighbor in the talk mail prior to the brochure being sent home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm