



## CSMES - PSSC MEETING

February 17, 2016

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**Present:** Kendra Gallant, Ron McGrath, Mike Wilson, Roger Nesbitt, Karen Trecartin, Jill Cormier, Amanda DiPaolo, Jacqueline Albinati, Kelley Piercy, Joanna Romeo, Stephanie O'Reilly

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- Meeting called to order by R. McGrath at 6:00pm
- **TTFM summary data** was provided to the committee by M. Wilson. This is a summary of the results of the grade 4 and 5 student surveys. M. Wilson explained the categories and their significance. The Canadian National averages were available as a basis of comparison. Overall, results were positive but some areas were identified that could be improved. There was some discussion that as Chris Saunders Memorial is a new school, some categories may not be accurately reflected yet.

Categories measured included:

- School Sports
  - School Club
  - Positive Belonging
  - Positive Relationships
  - Value School
  - Positive Behaviour
  - Motivation
  - Effort
  - Effective Learning
  - Relevance
  - Rigor
  - Bullying Exclusion
  - Feeling Safe
  - Advocacy at School
  - Positive Teacher Relations
  - Positive Climate of Learning
  - High Expectations
  - Belief in Code of Conduct (Chris' Code)
- A draft of the **CSMES School Improvement Plan (2016-2019)** was distributed to the committee by M. Wilson. He gave an overview of the SIP and explained that this document is a continual work in progress. He also clarified some terminology used in it (ex-EST-L, PLC, etc). As a matter of process, the PSSC will be meeting on March 2, 2016 to further discuss the SIP without CSMES staff. Feedback from this future meeting will be provided to M. Wilson.

- **District Education Council Elections (DEC)**  
On May 9, 2016, District Education Council (DEC) members will be elected with the municipal elections and will serve a 4 year term. Some information describing the DEC and the upcoming elections were handed out to the committee.
  - Information about DEC's and how they work with other partners in education to shape the future of education in NB can be found at [www.decnb.ca](http://www.decnb.ca) or 1-877-331-3037.
  - For information about election dates, sub-districts, nominations and candidates in your area, please visit [www.electionsnb.ca](http://www.electionsnb.ca) or call 1-800-308-2922.
  
- The **'School Closure Due to Inclement Weather'** report was handed out and briefly reviewed. This document is public and can be found online at: <http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/Publications/Report-StormDays.pdf>
  
- **'Attendance Matters' Initiative** - R. McGrath shared information regarding a meeting he attended on this topic. Minutes of this meeting should be available soon.
  
- **Lice** – M. Wilson informed the committee that there have been fewer recent cases of lice in the school. He still recommends that all parents continue to check their children's heads for lice periodically. At the request of the committee, he will resend to parents - the Dept. of Health Info sheet on lice.
  
- **Spirit of Chris Awards** – is an initiative at CSMES that involves students being recognized for good behaviours relating the school's theme of the month. Students 'caught' in a good behavior will have their name put into a raffle which will be drawn at the end of each month.
  
- **Parent Session on Anxiety in Children** – This spring, the school will be hosting an Information session relating to anxiety in children. All parents will be invited to attend. More information will be available closer to the date. The PSSC discussed the possibility of having other information sessions for parents. J. Cormier will look into finding a presenter for a future session relating to social media/ internet safety for children and youth.
  
- **Chartwell's Update** – M. Wilson gave an update to the committee on the functioning of the cafeteria and hot lunch program being provided by Chartwells. There continues to be challenges relating to getting the students their food as quickly as needed. There are times when 'eating time' is using up some of the students' 'outdoor play time'. At this time, Chartwells will not be hiring another employee for the school as was previously planned. PSSC members expressed that they continue to receive a great deal of concerned feedback from parents on the selection of food available. M. Wilson recommends that parents should feel free to contact Chartwells directly.
  
- K. Gallant gave an update to the committee of **Home and School Committee** activities. Some highlights include:
  - There is going to be a School Craft & Vendor Fair as a Fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3pm. Other fundraising ideas are being investigated and planned.

- Teacher Appreciation Week was a great success. The staff at CSMES was very appreciative of all of the parents involved.
  - The fluoride program is ongoing.
  - There will be late fees for library books not returned on time.
  - There will be a Playground committee formed which will be a joint effort by the PSSC and the Home & School Committee.
- **Early French Immersion Program:**  
The question was asked if there will be grade 1 early french immersion offered this year. This was a promise of the NB Liberal Party (who won the last election). Roger Nesbitt of the DEC was present at the meeting and said it was unlikely that the change would happen for the 2016-2017 school year, more likely for Fall 2017.

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**The next PSSC Meeting will be March 2, 2016 at 6:00pm.**

The only agenda topic will be the SIP Review so CSMES staff does not need to attend.