



Back Bay Elementary School

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Parent School Support Committee

Minutes

October 26, 2016

Welcomed Members: Shane Borthwick, Jennifer Smith, Chantal Rice, Maureen Cowen, Jessica Thorne, Larry Boudreau, Aldena Higgins-Harris

New Business:

- Appointment of Chair- Motion by Jennifer, Seconded by Maureen to appoint Shane Borthwick as Chair. Shane accepted appointment. All in favour.
- Declaration of Confidentiality Agreement- Members signed the declaration after Aldena explained why it is necessary.
- PSSC Roles and Responsibilities- Aldena went over roles and responsibilities of members. PSSC booklet also in PSSC binder for reference.
- Budget- Discussion was had on the Budget for PSSC. Funds need to be spent on communication to parents. A discussion was had on ideas- support welcome night, parent learning nights, Synervoice, monitor in hallway with announcements posted. Members were to think on these suggestions as well as others and tabled for another meeting to decide on areas for funding.
- 10- Year Education Plan- Focus for schools this first year is K-2 Literacy and Math as well as Guidance and Diversity Leads in schools. We are fortunate to have a math and literacy lead here weekly as well as access to both diversity and guidance leads. Aldena will give a handout at the next meeting for members to keep in their binders.

- PSSC Forum- Three members plus Aldena attended the meeting, Maureen, Jennifer, and Chantal. Some ideas for what PSSC can do for the schools were brought back, such as different parent night ideas such as book exchanges, attendance of local authors, mindfulness, and healthy eating/Canadian food guide. Will look at agenda at future meeting to make suggestions on how it can be changed as it is the same format as last year and with same members attending it may not be as welcomed.
- Parent engagement- One of the goals of last year's PSSC as well as School goal in School Improvement Plan. Will look at this more at next month's meeting.
- School Improvement Plan Targets- Academic Goals (Literacy and Math), School
- Middle School Meeting Update- Shane indicated that scheduling issues that happened this year will be rectified next year as Power school was not up and running for FMHS this year. Committee mandate has ended and the PSSC for the school will continue with any other issues that arise.

Next Meeting? (Nov. 30th at 6:00) – Changed to Nov. 29th at 6:00 pm