

## PSSC meeting minutes, April 19, 2018

In attendance: Katherine Grant, Vanessa Loveless, Sarah Taylor-Weeks, Paddy Huizinga, Michelle Gayton, Stephanie Borthwick, Julie MacDougall

### (1) Feedback on Professional learning half days

-feedback was given by the PSSC members and entered directly into the feedback form to be submitted by Stephanie. The intention is that Based on the feedback from teachers and parents, changes may be made.

Feedback included:

-some parents are finding it difficult to drop children off and then pick them up a few hours later. Due to this, some are opting to have their children stay home for the entire day.

-baby-sitting is an issue as some baby-sitters are not willing to keep afterschool children for a half day. This is also causing busing issues as these children tend to go to a different afterschool arrangement each time.

-Children and parents are both finding the reverse bus runs to be stressful. Especially for smaller children who have to go to the high school.

-Communication was not found to be an issue. Members were happy with how the half days were being communicated.

### (2) Staffing:

- Paddy has a meeting with Derek O'Brien on May 3rd to find out the student numbers for the 2018-2019 school year. She will have more definite staffing information at that time.

- Based on current numbers it looks like 4 French Immersion teachers will need to be hired. -There are 23 registered for grade 1 FI, which will need to be 2 classes.

-Next year, there will be 7 FI classes at SGES.

-Based on current numbers there will be 2 and possibly 3 K classes.

-They are looking at the feasibility of having a 4/5 split next year due to the intensive French requirement at Grade 5. All PSSC members were in agreement that they did not want the children in the split class to have intensive French in both grade 4 and grade 5.

-16 EAs have been requested for next year.

(3) Office of First Nations Education update. The Office of the First Nations sent out a newsletter with information on programs that are happening throughout the 4 school districts, highlighting the work of the office and the feedback that was given through PSSCs back in the fall. Copies of the update were distributed.

(4) Principal evaluation was completed. PSSC members were encouraged to submit additional comments which applied to the areas and guidelines being evaluated during the next meeting. Comments can be placed into an envelope and Stephanie will ensure they are included.

**Next Meeting: May 17, 2018 at 6pm.**

Minutes submitted by Julie MaDougall