

GMCS/WHES PSSC Minutes for April 11, 2016

Attendance: Courtney Budgell, Sherman Ross, Hunter Park, Zoe Ells (guest), Sally Cogswell,

Rose Hogenbirk, Tony Hannaford, Jenna Rideout

1. Business Arising from the minutes:
Principal Sally Cogswell shared information from Joyce Walker-Haley at Public Health from Policy 706 re: vaccination process for parents refusing vaccines or those who move in from another province or country. Students can be exempted from vaccinations; records kept so students can be excluded from school by District Medical Officer during outbreaks for which they lack immunity. Public Health checks records for students moving in from other provinces or countries. Overall GMCS vaccination rate is very good compared to other schools largely due to efforts by Jackie Rayner, from Public Health, who is a "vaccination champion" - Sally to bring last years' stats to share at the next meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes: It was moved by Rose Hogenbirk, seconded by Sherman Ross that the minutes of February 29 be accepted as distributed. All in favour. (March meeting cancelled due to inclement weather; with members away and no quorum, it could not be rescheduled until April 11).
3. There was no Principal's Report due to number of parent/PSSC forum questions; this info will be shared at the next meeting.
4. Parent forum questions were discussed with responses/ notes taken by Principal Sally Cogswell to give to External Review Team.
5. Next PSSC meeting will be on May 9th at 7 p.m.. Agenda items: Principal's report and School Review results.