

PSSC Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2022

In Attendance:

Amanda Noftell, Kerrie Brisley, Krista Cumberland, Jennifer Hartford, April Bradford, Casey Matheson, Katie Chambers, Cathy Halstead

- Principal's Report:
 - Pre-K – 28 registered, they will come for practice day. Half will come for 2 hours in the morning, the other half in the afternoon. Grade 1 will stay home that day.
 - P/T Interviews were fact to face this time. Good to have people back in the building.
 - Grade 5 Celebration – Staff will decide what this looks like. It will be a combination of pre covid and covid.
 - School Improvement Plan – Changed how we teach reading. Lots of focus on phonics. No guided reading levels. Based around The Science of Reading (reading blocks).
 - Bee Me Kidz – Great participation at our school. Kids loving it.
 - PSSC survey was sent out. This is changing. They will be grouping PSSCs together regionally.
 - Home & School – Speech-language board purchased for playground, one slide fixed, one slide unrepairable. Home & School putting a process in place regarding how they spend their money. Selling tickets on a basket and stay at River Run. Can e-transfer to pay for tickets. Proceeds going towards playground. H&S looking into whether they need a raffle license for the draw.
 - Staffing:
 - Amanda Upham returning
 - Heather Bell-Williams retiring
 - Katie Chambers Principal
 - Vice Principal likely decided within the next month
- Community Schools Report
 - Working on Summer Camp – inviting students, getting paperwork signed, sending out fundraising letters.
 - Cheque presentation for our final year of 4-year funding (\$93,000/yr) from United Way.
 - Pea gravel arrived for playground – kids enjoying playing with tonka trucks, scoops, pails, etc.
 - Anna is looking into other natural, creative options for the playground.
 - Anna has asked Steve Christie for stumps to create an active jumping area for the kids.
 - Grub Club – not getting enough participation at this time to put in an order.
 - Used book sale coming up in May.
 - Piloting a middle school aged ball hockey night. Working with B&G Club to explore possible recreation options at MES for next school year.
 - The after-school program is currently full.
 - Milltown Dam decommissioning is a bit behind schedule due to the US permits. It is possible that they will not start decommissioning the dam in July as the work needs to be done at the right time for fish passage in the river.

Next mtg – May 30, 2022 6:00-7:00 pm