

MES PSSC Agenda-Monday November 3, 2014

1. Welcome and Introductions. (6:30-6:35)

Melissa Brown, Juanita Woodside (Koen and Rees), Judy Haley, Christina Gillmor, Mary Dow, Erin Comeau, Bob Burnside

2. Review norms. (6:35-6:40)

- a. Five meetings/school year (September, November, February, April, May)
- b. Meetings will be one hour in length (6:30-7:30)
- c. Discussions would focus on issues pertaining to all students. Any issues that are student specific should be brought to principal or vice-principal privately.
- d. Bob Burnside is Chair and Cathy Halstead is secretary.

3. Business arising from last meeting. (6:45-6:55)

- a. Kick off to Kindergarten event was held on October 21st. We had one family take part. EYE-DA testing will begin next week and our Welcome to Kindergarten Event will be held changed from November 25th at 6:00 to a later date in January. So far, we have 23 or 24 students registered for next year.
- b. Skating is underway and we have a partnership with the Charlotte County Aces. They send players on most skating days to assist kids on the ice and they have also donated flex tickets which we are raffling to help pay for skating. The first draw is October 31st and we were able to raise approx.. \$500. We will do a second draw on _____ . The Charlotte County Aces also send a couple of players to help out on the ice and to tie skates. Kindergarten students will be going skating late November/early December, so that they have routines established first in the classroom. Any plans for swimming are still on hold.

4. Principal's report (information only) (6:55-7:15)

- a. Kick off to Kindergarten event was held on October 21st. We had one family take part. EYE-DA testing will begin next week and our Welcome to Kindergarten Event will be held on January 20th at 6:00. So far, we have 23 or 24 students registered for next year. If you know of families who should register their child, please send them our way! Perhaps we can send a reminder call to remind parents of the first event and/or highlight the two dates on information packets being sent home as there is a lot of information sent in packet.
- b. FAST-updates, we are on week six of eight weeks.
- c. Report cards will be sent home on November 7th, with parent/teacher/student-led conferences taking place on November 13th and 14th.
- d. MES has been hosting several 'Parent Nights'
 - Kids Have Stress Too! –Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6
 - Budgeting 101- Nov 4 (Credit Counselling Services of Atlantic Canada)
 - Active Parenting-Nov 13, Nov 20, Nov 27 (Family Plus Saint John)
 - How to Help your Child Read and Do Math (Patty Smith, Marilyn Gullison) Nov. 18th
 - Parenting Kids with ADHD Nov 26 (Heidi Fitzgerald, ISD)

In the new year, we will host a session with Lori MacKenzie and Joyce Walker-Haley on diet, exercise and overall wellness.

- e. This week is Career Week at MES. Cathy has invited several community members to speak to classes about their careers.
- f. 'Kindness Matters Week' will be taking place during the week of November 17-21, beginning with our WITS kick-off assembly, followed by a Leadership assembly, a weeklong project around 'Random Acts of Kindness, and School Spirit Day on Friday of that week. We also have the Bully Blocker group from SSHS joining us again this year to speak to classes.
- g. Family Movie Night-have been going well, attendance is down a bit from last year. Some night there has been a lot of different things going on the same night, so Cathy, B&G, and Ganong Nature Park are trying to work on a schedule.
- h. Art Richard is coming to perform for us on December 15th. This Christmas performance is being partly sponsored by the Bilingual Learning Environment Fund.
- i. MES Christmas Bazaar- taking place on December 16th (snow date on the 17th) – it will be held at the Christian Center. Students will be able to go and buy a present for their family, with a little station to wrap the presents. We will also be looking for volunteers to help.
- j. Abecedarian project- It is a pre-school program happening already in Winnipeg, and we are working towards having one here at our school. It wouldn't necessarily be done through the district, but would be done through a grant. It would target students that wouldn't already have access to a pre-school. It also includes a lot of vocabulary/speech enrichment for children. It is looking to happen within the next couple of years.

5. School Improvement Planning and Monitoring (7:15-7:30)

- a. Targets and SMART goals have been chosen for this school year, and strategies are in place to help achieve these goals. Targets for November will be updated after the November reports. You will find this updated on our school website.
- b. Please see the grade 2 provincial reading assessment results at http://www.gnb.ca/0000/results/ASD-S/milltown_assessment.html and you will find this linked to our school website.