

MES PSSC Minutes-Monday February 10th, 2015

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

Present: Bob Burnside, Mary Dow, Erin Comeau, Krista McGlinchy, Judy Haley, Christina Gillmor, Melissa Brown, and Cathy Halstead

2. Review norms.

- 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.

- a. MES Christmas Bazaar was a big success. We will do this event again next year. Thank you letter from a parent was shared with the group.
- b. Kick-off to Kindergarten event was held on January 20th. 16 out of 23 registered students took part.
- c. Skating will wrap up before March Break.
- d. Grade 2 provincial reading assessment results from last year- How are we intervening with last year's students AND plans for this year's grade 2 students. – We are working with both the grade 2 and 3 students in small groups, doing lots of different interventions.

4. Principal's report (information only)

- a. EYE-DA testing is mostly complete for our students coming in the fall. Another round of testing will be scheduled in the spring. Play, Learn & Go (intervention program) is happening at the school for 8 weeks.
- b. FAST finished up in the fall. We found this time of year to be busy, and that volunteers seemed tired and unable to fulfill commitment. Next school year, we will try moving the program to early spring 2016 – around March/April.
- c. Family Literacy Night –February 12th. It was suggested to send out paper notices/invitations, along with the synervice message. It was suggested to have a cereal bar at the event and eventually phase out the cookies next year.
- d. Report cards will be sent home on March 20th with parent/teacher/student-led conferences taking place on March 26th and 27th. Once again a spaghetti dinner will be offered and the Scholastic Book Fair will be held. The spaghetti dinners seem to be catching on – quite well attended last time.
- e. 'Parent Nights' – Active Parenting workshops, Kids Have Stress Too, Budgeting 101, ADHD, How to Help You Kid With Math and Reading, Autism Parent Support Group
- f. Winter Carnival Week –Week of February 23. The Kiwanis K-Kids Club is, also, looking at holding a winter carnival event on Friday, February 20. Mary Dow is to look into the Frozen

- props and Olaf costume from Guardian Drug Store. It was suggested to ask SSSHS to supply Elsa and Anna for the event.
- g. United Way donation/Summer Camp – Summer Camp will double in size and break into two groups – k-2, 3-5. We are working to expand this program into other schools, starting with Blacks Harbour.
 - h. Inclement Weather policies – The cut off temperature for going outside is -20.
 - i. MES Community Garden- 6 raised bed (3 ft X 8 ft) out back of the school. Mayfield may donate some soil. Seeds and starter plants should cost around \$100. Cathy to consult with Bobby Price re access to water and safety of a water catchment system. Krista working on grant.

5. School Improvement Planning and Monitoring

- 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 have been updated after the November reports. – Melissa will send the SIP out to everyone on the committee as we had technical difficulties with the Smart Board. The SIP is on the website.