

MES PSSC Minutes – **Monday April 7, 2014**

Present: Heather, Melissa, Bob, Judy, Cathy

1. Welcome and introductions
2. a. **School** – Piloting the 1) purchase from a list or 2) pay a set amount for kindergarten families this year. Will do it for K-1 next year, and so on. If it doesn't go over well, we'll just go back to the old way.
b. Agendas – School charging \$5 agenda to cover the cost of new agendas for fall.
c. Bussing – Elm Park and adjacent locations now on 2 pm run.
d. Parking Lot- COPs there every couple of week. Heather will mention to PreK parent on May 14.
e. Playground Committee – Bob reported interest for basketballs nets on the playground. We cannot store portable nets inside. Bob will look at prices of permanent nets. Cathy to look into the legalities around having a volunteer (or a staff member) take students to the basketball court beside the swimming pool at lunch recess.
3. **Principal's Report (information only)**
 - a. Our grade two tutor program continues
 - b. Mrs. Chambers returned to work. Ms. Ladd has a few weeks additional work at our Education Centre as an itinerant resource teacher
 - c. Staff update – we will have a loss in the number of homerooms – several students to FI in grade 3 and several more moved West
 - d. Children's Stage Adventures - June 9-13
 - e. April 17- Inclusion – Provincial Professional Learning Day
 - f. Pre K – most EYE-DA assessments are complete – students have a practice half day on May 14
 - g. PSSC Budget update – synervice.
4. **School Improvement Planning monitoring (full plan is on our website) -**
 - a) Writing & reading achievement – second WIN (What I Need) block was completed for grades 1-5 by the end of February / Kindergarten WIN block is taking place right now – data showed great improvements for many students!
 - b) Math achievement – grade four benchmark assessment, district wide 85% of our students performed appropriate or stronger
 - c) Consistent response to misbehaviours – rubrics are in place – data is showing increased consistency
 - d) Family engagement – we are tracking family engagement – three top events are Welcome Back BBQ, skating volunteers and movie nights, Santa's Helpers was down considerably in the older grades/ Family Night showed the most decrease
 - e) Mental health – assemblies – have had seven, one per month – 7 Habits is being taught in classrooms and reinforced through monthly assemblies
5. **New items of business to discuss:**

- a) Snow days - Do we pay for snow days at arena?
- b) Swimming – Cathy to look into swimming lessons at the same times as skating. Apply for Jump Start funding. Suggested that we target a specific grade.
- c) Discussed the idea of emailing report cards.
- d) Concerns over the amount of paper coming home. It was discussed that some of the notices need to be on paper if we want the parents to get the message; however, we do use synervoice, Twitter, and agendas.
- e) Bob to do performance appraisal of Heather.

6. Next Meeting: Monday June 2, 6:30-7:30 PM