

**SCHOOL NAME:** Bliss Carman Middle School

**Address:** 615 Kimble Dr. F’ton, NB, E3B 0N4

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date:** October 2 , 2019 **Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** BCMS Library

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Joey Bernard  **Others:** Susan Gaines, Charlotte Burhoe, Mike Pope, Cam Barnhill, Angela D’Entremont, Kim Saulis, Heather Ingalls,  **PSSC Members Regrets:**  Dale Chisolm | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Chantale Cloutier**, Principal**  **School/DEC Representation Regrets:** |

**Call to Order**: 7:08pm by Chantale Cloutier

**Approval of the Agenda:** Proposed by Mike Pope and seconded by Angela D’Entremont

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Proposed by Susan Gains and seconded by Heather Ingalls

**Election of Officers:**

* **Chair** – Joey has the intention of stepping down later when someone is keen. Role is to organize the meetings, agendas, talk with the school and be the front person at other meetings.
  + Charlotte Burhoe proposed Joey remain in the position. Seconded by Heather Ingalls
* **Vice Chair** – Joey gave the communication that Dale Chisolm (absent) would continue in the role if no one else was interested.
  + Charlotte Burhoe proposed Dale to remain in the position seconded by Mike Pope
* **Secretary** – Charlotte Burhoe volunteered for the position
  + Accepted by those in attendance
* **Community Representative** – Cam Barnhill had previously filled this roll
  + Joey proposed he remain in that role, seconded by Kim Saulis
* No DEC rep has been assigned as of this meeting due to the passing of Terry Pond

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

* **Budget:** Chantal informed the group of the passing of Terry Pond earlier in the spring. She’d like to investigate how to spend the budget as Terry had previously indicated it would be more strict in the coming year.
  + Joey talked about FHS & DEC meetings he attended and that ideally they will be producing a guide book.
  + For clarity the funds are to be spent by March 31
  + Talk of a brochure in different languages about the school and what BCMS has to offer. Chantal informed us of the frequent tours they do at the school for newcomers and visitors.
    - Concern voiced on cost and if it would be ‘green’ idea that it would be a PDF and printed as needed was an option discussed.
  + Discussion on what that would look like ensued and Joey suggested we table it until the next meeting so it could be thought on and discussed more.
  + Ideas on ways to spend the budget for communication of the school to the parents
  + Mike voiced the concern that really ideas coming from Chantal and staff would have more weight as they experience the needs and we could talk about their list.
  + Chantal indicated that there would be a staff meeting in 2 weeks
  + **Discussion tabled to next meeting**
* **New Business:** SIP – Chantal informed the group of the “School Implement Plan” and that it was a live working document. In the Spring they looked at all the data (surveys, etc) and it was discovered that 41% of the school take part in organized activities 52% are motivated in their learning. The goal for the first year is - Social & Emotional Engagement – milestones have been identified and 4 strategies to achieve them (refer to document); each team has created a goal to support this.  
  Kim referenced a document on psychological health and concern with the amount of time a child is exposed to ‘screens’. Some folks don’t know how to enforce limitations and proposed that we organize an event to show parents strategies. Chantal referenced similar events held in the past along with cyber bullying and the movie screening.  
  Acknowledgement of an increase in anxiety is present and that health is looking at mindfulness.
  + Thinking of new events for next meeting

**Correspondence:** None to report – one unofficial request but not in writing (additional drop zone)

**Principal’s report**: See attachment

**Teacher’s report:** See attachment

**DEC Report:** None. Chantal will reach out to the district on who the rep may be.

**Home and School report:** None. Jamie Chaisson is on the Home & School committee but unclear who the representative will be.

Family Fun date is set for November 15, 2019

**Parent communication:** None

**Other Business:** Joey to send out dates for the next meetings (the year)

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday November 6th, 2019.

**Adjournment:** Proposed by Mike Pope and seconded by Angela D’Entremont