

Bliss Carman Middle School
PSSC Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2017

In attendance: Karen Flinn, Nathan Langille, Tammy Shaw-Reynolds, Neville Peasley, Joey Bernard, Mary Whiteside Lantz, Terry Pond, Chantale Cloutier, Jamie Chiasson, Gretchen Murray

Regrets: Ginger Nicholson, Dean Landers, Kinh Huynh, Neil Gordon

Call to Order: 6:32 pm - Karen Flinn

Approval of the agenda: Tammy Shaw-Reynolds and Joey Bernard seconded

Approval of the minutes from previous meeting: Tammy Shaw-Reynolds and Gretchen seconded

Business arising from the minutes:

- Plaques were ordered for the front entrance, the gymnasium and the upstairs hallway and District has been notified to install plaques.
- No late FI classes at BCMS next year. Chantale corresponded with Mr. McTimoney to find 9 students registered for the next school year. FSL Subject Coordinator will contact families to let them know their child will be bussed to George St. Middle. This has an impact on our school numbers and it may mean that we lose teacher(s). Devon Middle and Townsview have also lost their late FI program. BCMS is also losing numbers but GSMS is full. If GSMS is creating another class with no space, why can't BCMS create another class? Karen asked what our numbers were last year to see if there would be an increase later on. Terry understood that other students were joining from other schools. Chantale will confirm. Another issue discussed it the fact that some families may have children at two different middle schools. There was a proposal to combine early and late FI but this is not an option at this time.

New Business:

- Homework survey – Nathan developed a homework survey for parents to fill out either electronically or by paper copy. Paper copies are available at the front office. The instructions to parents along with the survey link will be send to parents via school connects when PSSC members have had a chance to see final copy. Joey is able to create a form in google doc's that is easy to follow for parents.
- Goal for our members is to receive 50 responses per grade level.
- Edits took place and an e-mail address is to be set up.
- Parents will have one week to respond.
- The results will be discusses at October PSSC meeting.
- Members would like to see data analyzed for fall parent-teacher interviews.

Parent Communication:

- Parents are concerned about a teacher “yelling” at students. Jamie explained that said teacher is very energetic and students may take that the wrong way. The chain of command was discussed: parent contact PE department; athletic director then administration if not satisfied. Admin has not had any complaints. It was agreed that perception is everything.

Principal Report: Please see attached report

Teacher Report: Please see attached report

DEC Report:

- Terry explained there is a ‘buzz’ regarding a resignation from District 1.
- Committees for DEC looked at:
 1. Travel policy (DEC travel reimbursement)
 2. Sexual orientation/identity policy (still needs discussion at our local DEC).
- DEC symposium on the weekend.
- Kingsclear final meeting at FHS at 6:30 – they passed motions and the school is not closing at the end of this year.
- Catchment area for us is not going through. It was decided to re-look at the decisions and some were taken off the table.

Home and School Report: No news to report

Other Business: None to report

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7th

Adjournment: Tammy Shaw-Reynolds moved to adjourn