



Chipman Elementary School
159 Bridge St, Chipman NB, E4A 1R8
Parent School Support Committee Minutes
Date: January 26th, 2021 Time: 6pm
Location: ONLINE

<p>PSSC Members Present:</p> <p>Shawwna Chambers, Chair _____, Vice Chair _____, Teacher Rep.</p> <p>Others</p> <p>Racann Chase Pamela Hickey Kelsey Higgins Anna James</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets:</p> <p>Donna Urquhart Tiffany Wasson Breanne Foss</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present:</p> <p>Liz Bailey, Principal Faith Kennedy, DEC</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</p>
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Call to Order:

Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **EYE-DA postponed from Nov. 30th due to Orange Phase.**
Rescheduled for February 25th if we are out of the orange phase.
- **Box of cards, Fundraising**
Cards are not being done at the moment but the School is hoping to work with our local Communities in Bloom who contacted the school about a flag project. Laura Mae Slocum called and said it will be flags with a spring/summer theme which will be posted along main street. She said if they can get funding they will be looking for artwork for the flags. Liz suggested the kids could do individual pictures or maybe do a large mural sheet and submit that. Liz is awaiting more direction from Laura Mae.
- **C & Y Team.** - Interrupted due to red Level. Awaiting to hear if they will be back once in the orange level again. For now some meetings are being held online via 'Teams'.

- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** - Liz said the teachers thought it went well, they were able to connect with parents/guardians via 'Teams', emails, and phone calls. It is likely the same will be done in the future while the pandemic continues.
- **EA Vacancy** - It's remains difficult to get EA's and bus drivers. Tyler Jardine was here before Lynn retired and is now at CES full time until the end of the year.
- **EAL students** - Progress charts for our new students are going well. Their time has been raised to 5.5 hours per week. There were two recommendations given which were successful. First was providing the children books in their own language to give them a brain break. Second was to set up meetings with other new children who speak the same language on Microsoft Teams.

New Business

- **DEC News** - They continue to have virtual meetings. Two new schools are being built, one is underway and the other has approval but they are still deciding where to build it. Looking for supply teachers and EA's all over the province. Working on policies for Indigenous schools and they will be incorporated in all of the schools. Liz said CES has excellent resources in library about Indigenous people. The DEC election will be in May and Faith said she will be stepping down and said she hopes we have someone local to represent Chipman so we can be kept well informed where our schools are at risk due to low intake numbers.
- **PSSC Budget** - \$320.25 It has been previously used for books and school outings. Liz pitched a motion for it to be donated to the school library and those in attendance tonight unanimously agreed.
- **COVID Protocols, Attendance** - Our zone, zone 3, will return to Orange Level tonight at midnight. The school won't have many changes where things are very strict in Orange Level as well. Masks must still be worn full time. When our zone changed to Red Level the school attendance rate dropped with many children being kept home by parents.
- **How is school going form what your children are saying?** Overall everyone seems to be coping well. Kids can't wait to be able to be back to yellow so they don't have wear masks all day long.
- **School Intervention Worker February 3 - April 9** - CES has not had one for years. Now we are sharing the worker Stacy Devine with other schools. Liz had her talk to Margie Goodin in preparation for her coming here to work with the kids. It will be individual meetings to provide extra service.
- **Technology Purchases** - new equipment has been well received. New programs Squiggle Park and Dreamscapes has been well received by the children. Raz Kids continues to be used and is also popular with the kids.
- **Staff Appreciation** - It will be approximately the week of February 7-14th. Any food sent to the school will have to be prepackaged.
- **Bus Safety** - Anna asked if the children are taught to look before crossing the road because when picking her children up as the youth centre the children never look and often run across the street. Liz said they are told but she will remind them during announcements.
- **Bus drivers** - Scott Barton is no longer our bus driver as he is now working at the OEC in Oromocto. Stan O'Donnell is currently covering his bus, bus 356. Urma Whur is now driving bus 350 while Steven Doherty is still in recovery from an illness. He still will be sometime in recovery before he is able to return to work.

- **Mrs Weaver Off Sick** - Mrs Weaver had a window blind fall and land on her so she is out with an injured shoulder. Liz said all other blinds have since been inspected.

Correspondence: Received call from Laura Mae Slocum from Communities in Bloom. See above.

Closing Comments: N/A

Date of Next Meeting: Feb. 16, 2021

Adjournment: Raeann Chase

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