



**DEVON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**681 Dobbie Street, Fredericton, NB E3A 2Z2**  
**Parent School Support Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date: February 7, 2017 Time: 6:30pm**

**Devon Middle School**

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b> Randall Leavitt, Chair Sandi MacKinnon, Vice Chair Bruce Good Ann LeBlanc Peter MacWilliam Jackie Gordon Catrina Marshall</p> <p><b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b> Colleen Clarkson, Teacher Rep. _____, Student Rep.</p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b> Gary Gallant, Principal Jane Buckley, DEC Patty Oxford, Vice-Principal</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b></p>
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**Call to Order:** Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda was read. PSSC Budget was added under New Business. Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved: Sandi      Seconded: Ann      Motion carried

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: Ann      Seconded: Bruce      Motion carried

**Reports:**

**Threat debrief**

Gary reviewed what happened the prior week with the threat the school received. Policy was followed and the school was put under hold and secure until it was determined that the premises were cleared. Some parents have expressed concern that the school was not evacuated with one parent pushing for a policy change. The PSSC indicated their full support the current policy.

**Discipline numbers**

Patty distributed information and data on the Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports which teachers have been using since January. Will see how this continues to progress. She noted that the atmosphere in the school is better.

**Personalized Learning proposal**

Gary indicated that three schools in the district will be selected as pilots for positive learning schools. This initiative is being headed up by Chris Treadwell. Each school can submit a half page proposal indicating why they should be selected as a pilot. The emphasis is on students having choices, the use of technology and changing the way we think.

## Grade 8 Trip to Halifax

Patty indicated that this trip is much less expensive and some fundraising is being done to help with costs. Gift card raffle is currently being organized. Information has gone home to students with a deadline for deposits for those interested.

## Panel discussion on cyber violence

Randall reported that attended a discussion on cyber violence held by the NB Association of Social Workers. He indicated that they are putting together toolkits to have available at schools.

## Business Arising from the Minutes / Unfinished business:

- Traffic pattern change – morning drop-off change is going well. Police have been onsite to help enforce one-way traffic pattern.
- 10-year education plan – survey sent out to PSSC members to be completed.
- School improvement plan – on the PD day, February 24<sup>th</sup>, will be finishing up with Positive Learning Environment plan and setting up positive learning climate which is the first step in the plan. Focus on meeting needs of students so they are ready to learn.

## New Business:

### Concerns/questions from public on:

**School bus drop-off mistakes (news fed)** – some concern with buses dropping students off at wrong locations after school. This was discussed and it is not a concern at Devon Middle.

**Stance on early immersion introduction** – Jane indicated that the DEC has taken a stance against the change.

**New catchment area going to FHS** – Jane indicated the plan will reduce Leo Hayes by 185 students. Based on the changes approved at the January 26 DEC meeting there are no changes affecting Devon Middle.

**Discussion on creating a committee for New School proposal** – Randall asked if there was interest in creating a subcommittee to work on a proposal for a new school building for Devon Middle. Interested committee members gave their names to Randall.

**PSSC Budget** – Gary indicated the PSSC budget has \$1,034.38 remaining and indicated that the invoice for the school to parent communication system came in at \$988.10. Motion to pay the communications invoice from the PSSC budget remaining.

Moved: Peter            Seconded: Ann            Motion carried

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

**Closing Comments:** Nothing to report.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Peter            Seconded: Ann            Motion carried

Randall Leavitt  
PSSC Chair

Date

Catrina Marshall  
PSSC Secretary

February 21, 2017  
Date