



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

**Date: October 12<sup>th</sup> , 2021**

**Time: 7:00pm**

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b></p> <p>Charlotte Flores - Chair</p> <p>Rachael Lively - Secretary</p> <p>Joe Crummey</p> <p>Emily McAllister</p> <p>Courtney Rickard</p> <p>Chandra Clowater</p> <p>April Barnet</p> <p>Aneas MacInnis</p> <p><b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b></p> <p>Maryanne Bourgeois</p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b></p> <p>Shawna Allen-VanderToorn, Principal</p> <p>Cody Butler, Teacher Representative</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b></p> <p>Mike Mazerole, DEC</p>
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Welcome & Call to Order: Charlotte called the meeting to order at 7:10

Approval of Agenda:

Moved: April    Seconded: Aneas    Motion carried

Introductions: Each member was given a chance to introduce themselves. welcome new and returning members. Charlotte goes over the responsibilities of the PSSC including, funds and spending, voting and quorum, minutes and expected schedule of meetings. Also, members are given the chance to express interest in the position of Chair or Co-Chair and applications would be happily accepted.

PSSC focus: ideas on where to focus our time were given, including a petition for a new school building, establishing a community identity, how we are able to support the staff, and organizing a Cyber Security workshop for this fall.

Principal's Report:

- Mrs. Allen-VanderToorn would like to see a large focus on literacy this year
- Great participation for the first National Truth and Reconciliation Day, including a virtual assembly, a visit from the St. Mary's Chief, and educational activities throughout the day.
- Cross Country and Soccer are both underway.
- The music program is back this year and is slowly growing. A mobile has been added to the school and is being used for a music and band room.
- 602 students this year, the school is at maximum capacity and 16 new teachers to welcome to the team.
- New Tech teacher Mr. Graham is revamping the tech space and has enlisted the help of student volunteers to help upgrade the space.
- DMS went to virtual learning for one day last month due to a case at the school. It was very last minute notice but the teachers did an amazing job, and have learned alot about how it will look if it happens again.
- Stuff a bus campaign to support the breakfast program will be on October 23rd this year at 10-5 at the Giant Tiger on Union Street
- School goals for the year include, support for literacy with more reading time in english LA classes, putting focus on academics and learning issues, rather than, behavioral issues and supporting staff and students in this way, and increasing percentage of students who "feel safe" at school by at least 10% as recorded by the data system.

Adjournment 8:00pm

Charlotte Flores

**PSSC Chair**

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Rachael Lively

**PSSC Secretary**

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