



Forest Hill Elementary School
548 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton, NB E3B 4K6

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

2nd December 2019, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
(rescheduled due to school closure on 25th November 2019)

<p>PSSC Members present: David Greenfield, Chair Wendy Monk, Secretary and Community Member Federico Sogaro, Member</p> <p>Apologies: Janice Maher-Foster, Vice Chair</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation present: Tracy Stewart, Principal</p> <p>Apologies: Lori Myles-Coulombe, Teacher</p>
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1. Meeting introduction:

(a) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the October PSSC meeting were approved.

2. New Business:

a) Fundraising update

Recent fundraising campaigns have raised nearly \$2,400 (\$330 raffle baskets, \$543 puzzles, \$1,000 coffee sales (from \$3,000 of sales), \$500 popcorn (from \$786 sales). This total will likely increase with final sales. These campaigns have raised enough funds to replace the broken slide. However, plan is to replace with an infinity climber (scheduled for Spring 2020). The existing playground equipment is ~25 years old and is becoming brittle from weather/UV exposure. Longer-term plan is to replace with natural playground.

(b) Principal's report

(a) Natural playground

The second meeting for the natural playground committee will be held on 4th December 2019 at FHES (12.30 – 1.30pm). Additional volunteers have joined the committee and are supporting the development of the natural playground ideas (including local sculptor and artist, Robin Hanson). Focus of the playground is still to provide a community-based space for learning and play with input from students, teachers, and community members. The committee will help lead and coordinate the project including discussions for the long-term maintenance of the project and space.

A stakeholder meeting will be held on 27th January 2020 that will be sponsored by the FHES PSSC. The PSSC budget will cover the costs of craft paper, writing materials, coffee, tea, refreshments

(b) New FHES mascot (linked to key components of PLWEP)

The development of the new logo has led to an excellent example of student-to-student collaboration. One of the design classes from Oromocto High School led by Peter Ayre adopted the project and have been developing the new digital design, based on FHES student artwork. The mascot will be shown with different poses and actions that can be used freely within FHES.

(b) Discussion of recent ASDW school transportation town hall (full recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_B9DFffqUwg&feature=youtu.be)

David Greenfield provided an excellent summary of the recent ASDW school transportation town hall held on 27th November 2019. Key points included driver training, bus stop options, bussing distance thresholds). The latter relates to concerns raised by FHES parents because of the distance threshold (2.4km) for student bussing.

(c) Delayed school opening

It was agreed that the PSSC would lead the development of a short FHES survey to seek opinions on delayed school opening (as compared with full day cancellation) in the event of winter weather events. David Greenfield will draft questions and submit to Tracy Stewart who will share the survey with the FHES community.

3. Any other business:

None reported.

Date of next meeting: 27th January 2019 (coordinated with PSSC-sponsored stakeholder meeting for the natural playground)

PSSC Chair

22nd December 2019

PSSC Secretary