



Forest Hill Elementary School

548 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton, NB E3B 4K6

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

25th May 2020, 6.30pm - 7:00pm (virtual meeting via Zoom)

PSSC Members present: David Greenfield, Chair Janice Maher-Foster, Vice Chair Wendy Monk, Secretary and Community member Federico Sedaro, Member Rob Langmaid, Member	School Representation present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Lori Myles-Coulombe, Teacher
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1. Meeting introduction

(a) Minutes from the April PSSC meeting

The minutes were approved.

(b) New business

- School staff will be back in FHES from 1st June
- Report cards will go out last week of school for children. Report cards will be based on assessment from November – March, and a day will be announced when students and parents can come and pick up the report cards. Focus of report cards will follow different coding and will only comment on assessments that the students had at that point in time so no mark. Assessment of next learning steps will be based on a student's last in-class work.
- There is still not a lot of information regarding September school start up – assumption is that students will return in September but safety parameters that will have to be in place.
- The proposed new elementary school (K-5) that would combine the school populations from FHES and LSES is now second on the list in capital provincial projects.
- Kindergarten orientation (originally scheduled for 27th May) may be rescheduled for August, depending on District direction.
- *Question: How is FHES preparing for the new school given the unknowns?*
Focus will be on creation of class lists for new K classes and transition for students to LSES, room preparations for cleaning and organisation, professional learning opportunities exploring technology for teaching to prepare for potential online-based learning in the new school year, maintenance for the next year (e.g. plexiglass around the offices and admin assistants), possibility of installing bottle fillers on water fountains (but may be beyond District budget for all fountains,

might focus on high traffic areas), potential to install hand sanitiser locations, and possible lines and markings in corridors to help maintain distance. Any final decisions will be discussed in August following direction from ASDW.

- *Question: How will FHES manage movement and classes?*
There are still a lot of unknowns currently. Possibility for smaller class sizes, markings in corridors. As above, any final decisions will be discussed in August following direction from ASDW. The advantage with a later return to in-building school is that we can look to other regions and countries and adopt the methods that have worked.
- *Question: What will learning look like in the next school year?*
If in-building learning isn't possible or there are periods of school closures, then then focus needs to be on home learning. Upcoming professional development will provide tools to support this but there will need to be structure to transition between home and school learning, and structure for short- and long-term transitions.
- *Question: Will there be any changes to Grade 1 French Immersion?*
No, the program will follow the same structure as previous years with starting to learn the language from the very beginning. The program will be able to start on time, even if a child isn't reading by the end of Kindergarten, they will still be able to participate, engage and learn in FI.
- *Question: What are class numbers and class sizes projected for September?*
Currently looking a two French Immersion classes (usually 21 in each class), two English Grade 1 classes, and three K classes or possibly a K-Grade 1 class.
- *Question: What is the status of the natural playground project? How can we help?*
The project is on hold but will be revisited in a few weeks. Focus will be on applying for grants as we now have a very clear vision statement for the project.

PSSC agreed that this would be the last PSSC meeting for the 2019-20 school year. The PSSC will meet again in the next school year. If something comes up before the new school year, then this will be shared with the PSSC.

PSSC Chair

6th June 2020

PSSC Secretary