



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Forest Hill Elementary School

548 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton, NB E3B 4K6

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

28th September 2020, 6.30pm - 7:00pm (virtual meeting via Zoom)

<p>PSSC Members present: David Greenfield, Chair Wendy Monk, Secretary</p> <p>PSSC Members regrets: Rob Langmaid, Member</p>	<p>School Representation present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Francis Beaudin, Teacher</p>
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Meeting introduction and new business

(a) New teacher representative

- Francis Beaudin is the new teacher rep for the FHES PSSC for the 2020-21 school year. We also welcomed back returning PSSC members.

(b) COVID-19 updates

- Families directed to New Brunswick public health for latest advice and guidance. FHES will share applicable information as it becomes available.
- School will provide home learning options if a child will be away from the school for an extended period.

(c) Operational plan update

- So far, the plan is going smoothly with no complaints from families or staff. Staggered recess is working well (with added benefit that children are playing with everyone in their bubble). Children are playing across their full allocated space during outside time and they are showing confidence in their space.

(d) School Improvement Plan and Positive Learning and Working Environment Plan

- Focus has now shifted to the School Improvement Plan after initial focus on operational plan for the school for the start of the school year. Building on learnings from last year, student foundational skills will be the focus with blocks of time devoted to different skill types (e.g., fine motor, social-emotional skills, and oral language). Support will be provided by the guidance teacher.

- Purposeful play periods will be implemented (minimum of once/week) to take the curriculum outside of the classroom. The Brilliant Labs group will be bringing a trailer of tools and equipment for the classes to try and will also provide training for the teachers.
- There will be a continued focus on teacher-to-teacher collaboration and team teaching with ongoing peer learning and sharing meetings for teachers will continue to provide support and ideas for each other (once/month) with a focus on grade level outcomes (every two weeks)

(e) Outdoor learning opportunities

- Outdoor learning will continue to be an important part of the curriculum (building on the purposeful play). These provide opportunities for other learning (including non-academic skills e.g., social-emotional skills) but it can be more difficult to observe students in an outside space. Examples included using the tree stumps to create a simple outside classroom, and the possibility of taking students off site for nature walks.
 - Outclass (outdoor learning commons) is a multifaceted learning space (~\$15k) so could be an excellent opportunity for this school year. Currently using donated stumps (thanks to our wonderful community) and these could be incorporated into a new space.

PSSC Chair

12th October 2020

PSSC Secretary