

**Forest Hill Elementary School
PSSC Meeting Agenda**

Monday, November 28, 2016

Meeting Participants: Lisa Maher-Watson, Louise Somerville, Lacy Green, Terry Pond (DEC), Paul Saad, David Creber, Naomi Lear, Rolly Sidik

1. Call to order: 6:30 pm
2. Approval of minutes: Naomi moved to approve the minutes of the November 28th meeting, seconded by Dave. Minutes were approved
3. Approval of agenda – Nothing added, approved
4. Principal's Report
 - Peace assembly – organized by Mrs. Holloway and Mrs Colombe. Focused on the meaning of peace, student videos on this topic have been posted on the school website.
 - Anti-bullying/friendship assembly
 - WITS assembly/deputizing ceremony- a number of community members were in attendance to assist in “Deputizing” students for this conflict resolution program.
 - PL - Native Literature/initiatives – should add flags to diversity wall, Promoting Success With Arab Immigrant Students. Several books are available in the lending library to use in classrooms when discussing native heritage. Alberta “Newcomers” document is also for use in teaching and discussing heritage and culture.
 - Fair amount of interest in FI grade 1, some misconceptions: students will be attending École des Bâtisseurs, FI is only for high flyers, detrimental to mother tongue.
 - Hot lunch provider having difficulties delivering, other alternatives will be considered for replacing this provider.
5. Old business:
 - Buddy Benches – have arrived and will be anchored by chains and painted in the spring.
6. Portable – still undergoing renovations in order to meet required specifications.
7. New business - Inclusive washrooms: the question was raised about how to ensure a sense of inclusion when it comes to washroom use. It has been noted that in some schools where gender neutral washrooms are provided, students are at times teased for using them. The idea of having all bathrooms at Forest Hill School being open for use

by all students regardless of gender was discussed. The implications of this from the perspective of the school community viewpoint as well as implications relating to any potential renovations needed will be furthered explored and discussed at a later date.

8. DEC Report –

- The communities of Hanwell and Bishop Drive have expressed strong interest in being the sites for the new school.
- Three Districts DEC's have submitted letters of request to government appealing the decision to begin Early French Immersion Programs in 2017. Parents of Forest Hill School PSSC have expressed a concern over the impact this may have on the decision to begin the program in fall of 2017.
- Shared that there have the DEC has received two superintendents reports, most of which discussed Provincial Assessment Results.
- Media person has been hired for each District. This person is responsible to monitor communications regarding education (articles published, newspaper and other media reports).

9. Adjournment 7:30