



SCHOOL NAME: **Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School**

Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton, NB E3A 6G1

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Sept 22, 2021 _____ Time: 6:00PM _____

Location: Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School

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| <p>PSSC Members Present: Leah Carle, Chair _____, Vice Chair _____, Teacher Rep. _____, Student Rep.</p> <p>Others Lindsay Underhill, Laura Oldford, Rachel Lively, Shelley Wood, Nancy Wilkins-Keetch</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Jody Peterson, Maryanne Bourgeois,</p> | <p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Colin Dolin, Vice Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Mike Mazerolle, DEC Joanne McDonald, Vice Principal Ryan Gregg, Teacher Rep</p> |
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Call to Order: Leah Carle

Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Business Arising from the Minutes:

New Business:

1. Principal's report:

- **Current school population 672 students, 33 classes, 80+ staff**
- **Bus situation beyond school's control. Dept Transportation is working on the issue.**
- **Focus will be on creating a new school improvement plan which combines social & emotional component with academic goals and improvement. Goal is to present a plan to PSSC by the November meeting.**
- **No food service provider on site this year. Looking to have one in place for next fall. Challenge is to find a provider that meets the nutritional guidelines while also being economical.**
- **Request for PSSC members to please gather feedback from the parent community on how parents would like to be communicated with. School Messenger and Facebook are two major communication tools.**
- **Home Communication goal is for educators to provide updates to parents once per week at minimum.**

- SeeSaw – there is now a cost for educators to use this program. All educators were given the option as to whether they would like to use SeeSaw. If so, part of the fee will come from the class fees and Mrs. Stewart put forth the suggestion to the PSSC to consider using a portion of the PSSC budget to pay the remainder of the fee.

2. Parent Concern:

- If parents are driving children rather than them taking the bus, as currently requested, when Transportation is examining bus ridership to determine routes for the next school year, will the children that are being driven lose their spot on the bus?
- Great question. Currently unknown. That has not been the case in previous years it is expected that there will always be room on buses for students to travel to school.

3. Parent Concern:

- Air quality. Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary has a fully integrated air filtration system. No concerns about air quality from Facilities of ASD-W.
- There are 24 older schools in the province that do not have a fully integrated air filtration system and the District and Province is doing a study on air quality in these schools.

4. Parent Concern:

- New Covid Measures. Will children have to bubble on the playground again? Currently the answer is no, however the recommendations are constantly changing and cannot guarantee that the school will not move to group bubbles.

5. Parent Questions:

- Building of New Fredericton East School: have there been any developments? Not at this time, it is expected that we will hear more regarding consultations and announcement of information later this fall.

Correspondence:

Closing Comments: Review PSSC handbooks as they will be a great way to guide our discussions for the coming school year.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30PM.

Adjournment: Leah Carle.