SCHOOL NAME: Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton NB, E3A 6G1 **Parent School Support Committee** Minutes

Date: October 21, 2021 Time: 6:30PM Location: Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School

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PSSC Members Present:	School/DEC Representation Present:
Leah Carle, Chair	Tracy Stewart, Principal
, Vice Chair	Joanne, Vice Principal
, Teacher Rep.	
, Student Rep.	
Others	
Marianne Bourgeois, Lindsay Underhill,	
Laura Oldford, Jody Peterson, Nancy Wilkins	
Keetch, Shelley Wood, Amanda Hudson,	School/DEC Representation Regrets:
Katherine Pickard	Mike Mazerolle (DEC), Colin Dolin (Vice
	Principal)
PSSC Members Regrets:	
Ryan, Rachel,	
Call to Order:	

Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Tracy provided an update on the school plan for this year. The plan is broken into 3 goals.

- 1. Academic Goal "100% of teachers will enhance their instructional practice and/or formative assessment skills to better meet the needs of all learners in their classroom."
- 2. Student Focused Goal "By the end of June 2022, Ninety percent of our students will have a high sense of belonging with our school and with their peers and adults in the building." Survey results from last year indicate that 32% of students had a high sense of belonging.
- 3. Faculty Focused Goal "All staff with strive toward improved mental fitness and resiliency to further embed mental fitness practices noted as areas for growth and building. Stretch goal: 70% embedded practices in adaptation assets. Current score is 55% embedded practices in adaptation assets.

Follow up with additional details in regard to Principal's Request for the PSSC to allocate a portion of the yearly budget to support the paid version of Seesaw.

- PSSC budget for this year is \$1836.18
- \$7.20/student is the Seesaw fee
- Teachers wanting to use Seesaw are putting \$5/student of their student fees toward the payment of the program. Request is for PSSC to make up the additional \$2.20/student.
- Based on the number of teachers & their students who wish to use this program, the total fee to the PSSC would be: \$1071.40
- Discussion: Communication between the school and parent community is a priority. Seesaw is very easy to use and parent feedback indicates that it creates a sense of community. This makes the program very popular with Teachers.
- This year we have the funds to allocate, as COVID restrictions prevented the PSSC from hosting the annual open house/corn boil. Traditionally, the majority of the PSSC budget is spent on the corn boil as this is a major school community event.
- Committee proposed that approval for \$1071.40 from the 2021-2022 budget be used for payment of Seesaw, with the understanding that the committee may not be able to fund Seesaw in future years.
- Shelley put forth motion to grant funds, motion granted by Laura and seconded by Amanda.

New Business:

Welcome to new PSSC members Amanda Hudson, Katherine Pickard and Joanne .

Leah requested that all PSSC members give thought to the use of the remainder of the PSSC budget and come to the next meeting with suggestions.

One suggestion: The outdoor courtyard in front of the school has an area of blank concrete around the flag pool. Years ago, there was a mural painted on the concrete, however it faded away over time. Principal Stewart is going to look into options for having a long-lasting image placed on the concrete in this area (example: the school motto) and she will come back to the PSSC Committee with quotes.

Announcement of the location of the new Northside Elementary school is expected in the near future.

PSSC President Leah Carle reviewed the role of the PSSC with the committee members. Upon review, the committee agreed that our focus this year should be on building partnerships with the community so that when COVID restrictions are lifted, the relationships will be in place and the school can welcome the community to become involved. PSSC members were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting on this topic.

Parent request that it be communicated what clubs/activities are available at the school so that they can discuss with/encourage their children to participate. Examples: what intramurals sports are being offered, is choir being offered, etc.

Closing Comments:

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 24th

Adjournment: Leah Carle