



SCHOOL NAME: Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School

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

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Feb. 23, 2022 _____ Time: 6:00PM _____

Location: Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School

<p>PSSC Members Present: Leah Carle, Chair Others Lindsay Underhill, Laura Oldford, Rachel Lively, Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, Jody Peterson, Maryanne Bourgeois, Amanda Hudson</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Colin Dolin, Vice Principal Heather Theriault, Vice Principal</p>
<p>PSSC Members Regrets: Shelley Wood</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Mike Mazerolle, DEC Ryan Gregg, Teacher Rep</p>

Call to Order: Leah Carle

Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Business Arising from the Minutes: PSSC shared a meal together at the start of this meeting as approved at our last meeting in November.

New Business:

- 1. Principal’s Report:**
2. School plan- lots of challenges with students being here and learning. - K-2 Phonological awareness is still the target, Grades 3-5 math running records still the target. November & December PL - good start to the Social-Emotional plan- adaptivity. PL was well-received by staff.
3. Annual School Performance Review – This is done each year by our staff to evaluate ourselves in different areas to acknowledge areas of strength and next steps. In December, grade level teams looked at the School Improvement Indicators (formally School Review). Teacher teams were asked to focus their discussions on classroom environment and learning & instruction. All of this data and feedback was reviewed by our Data team in early February. Some key findings: (A) Our students need to develop a better understanding in the area of restorative practice. This will become our focus for next year and will help work towards our Positive Learning

Environment Plan. (B) Intervention for struggling students has always been a strong focus. Our goal is to enhance our instructional practice so that we better help all learners reach their greatness. This could be a potential school goal focus next year and actions could be several options such as a team approach to teaching students and / or enrichment. (C) Teaming is a strength at this school. Teachers regularly meet, share instructional practices, sharing ideas, and planning together.

4. Spirit Bear – Sarah Francis is our District First Nation support person and our contact for this project. All classroom teachers were given this book to share with our students. It is about reconciliation with the First Nation community. We are focusing on the learning and having some conversations. Came from Jordan's Principle. It is a way our First Nation families can access services and getting equal rights. There is a movie that we will be able to access and in May we will have a Spirit Bear celebration of our learning. This will be an ongoing discussion.
5. Coyote Carnival is next week. Morning bingo and dress up days. Tropical treat from Home and School, Fruit treat from Healthy Minds budget. We will not be losing academic time as we have lost 8 weeks.
6. Covid Restrictions are being changed and lifted in hopefully this will translate to having a more "normal" end to the year such as spring concert, field trips, grade 5 celebration. We are currently having students have a mask break outside and they are grouped in areas in their class as per the guidelines. Things will change as protocol changes.

PSSC Member / Parent concerns:

~ Parents are concerned if their students are behind? The report card in early April will be reflective of the actual benchmarks for learning at the specific Grade level. * Part of the school wide comment will include a note for parents that the marks are reflective of the provincial expectations are for term 2 has always been.

~ Is there any concern about the mental health of the students- e.g. impact assessment on masks and covid protocols? (From the department?) At this time there is no formal plan for this coming from the department, although mental wellbeing is a priority and we expect there will be some sharing of information / research in the area. Tracy mentioned Kevin Cameron's work – He is the guru on Violent Incident training, and school shootings and trauma in schools. He has some really good information to share for schools and school districts around the pandemic. Tracy will share some information on Kevin's work next PSSC meeting.

~ Cafeteria food service- Any updates on securing a food service provider? Our school is open to this and would like to have this happen; however we have not been able to find anyone yet. Are we interested in a pilot project? Yes for sure. Are we open to having someone come in and help run a cafeteria service. (Jody Peterson is the contact for a further discussion). Tracy will talk to Linda Dempsey- Nicholson and Jody about it. We want to get money back for the students. Lets think outside the government model and think business model.

~ Nutrition- use of food as rewards e.g. for speaking French – suckers, in classroom parties, Greener village partnership with Amanda. Important to follow the nutrition policy. Amanda Hudson is willing to do some work with GNMES in this area. Potential PL session for teachers about our use of food – celebrations, mindful / mindless eating, trying new healthy foods, food as reward. Tracy to communicate with Amanda about a potential session for teachers for our August start up.

~ Any further work with our community outreach? Students created art work for the Shannex in December. Would like to see our school have more opportunities. Potential for this in the spring if Covid restrictions are lifted.

~ No other business.

Correspondence:

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30PM.

Adjournment: Leah Carle.