



Garden Creek Elementary School Fredericton, NB

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: September 26, 2017 Time: 6:30

Garden Creek Elementary Library

<p>2016-17 PSSC Members Present: Allan Lynch, Vice Chair Sophia Petrovich, Secretary</p> <p>Others: Jackie Saunders Jacqueline Fortner, Teacher Rep Tim Yerxa Mark Taylor</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Mary Ellen Vaughan, Chair Jodi Parker, Home & School Rep Jason Addison Katina Roberts Michelle Peach Jane Matthews-Clark</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Katherine Campbell, Principal Samantha Robichaud, Vice Principal Stephanie Haslam, DEC</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</p> <p>Visitors: Alison VanSnick from UNB, Jacquie's intern</p>
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Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

NA

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

NA

Guest Speaker

Wayne Annis (wayne.annis@gnb.ca), the Director of Schools from the Fredericton Educational Centre, was present to explain that we lost a teacher due to fluctuating student numbers and an August overestimate of how many teachers would be needed at GC. 8 teachers were transferred around the district after school started this year, causing significant student disruption. Hopefully the district will find staffing solutions so that this does not happen again.

Business Arising from the Minutes

NA

New Business

1. New 2017-2018 Committee chosen by acclamation, no voting required:
Allan Lynch, Chair
Mark Taylor, vice Chair
Andrea Addison, Secretary
Jacqueline Fortner, Teacher Rep
Home and School Rep still under discussion

Stephanie Haslam, DEC Rep

Members:

Tim Yerxa, Angela Whitlock, Erin Smith, Michelle Taylor, Kim Sorlie, Lily Smallwood, Pam Kitchen, Sophia Petrovich, Jackie Saunders, Erik deJong.

2. PSSC discussion items carried over from last year include:
 - Setting up an outdoor classroom
 - Setting up a community garden
 - Continuing the fluoride mouth rinse program; Mary Ellen is willing to train the next batch of volunteers.
 - Opportunities to share ideas with other PSSCs in our immediate region
 - Possible online portal for PSSC members; dismissed as impractical
 - Position on advertising non-profit and relevant events in schools; the PSSC will draft a letter for the DEC Q&A in December.

Report from Principal:

1. Merideth Bryden has replaced Sharon MacGregor in music while she is on sick leave.
2. GC will follow up on the potential improvement areas that arose from the perception survey, specifically: communication with parents, enrichment opportunities, parental involvement.
3. Outside motion detector cameras will be installed for after-hours security.
4. Please see the What's Happening at the Creek handout for details of past and upcoming events.

Report from DEC Representative:

1. PSSC orientation taking place at Bliss Carmen, October 4th at 7 pm.
2. The DEC chair has asked schools for events/news/information from schools to be announced at the DEC meetings. The PSSC suggests a notification of the October 5th Physical Education Wellness Night.

Report from Home and School Representative:

NA

Correspondence: None reported

Closing Comments:

NA

Date of Next Meeting: October 24

Adjournment:

PSSC Chair

Date

PSSC Secretary

Date