



Garden Creek Elementary School
Fredericton, NB
Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Feb 28, 2017 Time: 6:30
Garden Creek Elementary Library

<p>PSSC Members Present: Mary Ellen Vaughan, Chair 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: Katina Roberts Jane Matthews-Clark Jason Addison Michelle Peach Jodi Parker, Home & School Rep</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Katherine Campbell, Principal Samantha Robichaud, Vice Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Stephanie Haslam, DEC</p>
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Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jackie; Seconded by Al; Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved by Al; Seconded by Jackie; Motion carried.

Guest Speakers

The UNB Nursing students who have been volunteering at GC this spring presented a summary of their work, focusing on mindfulness and healthy eating. Available follow-up information includes a .pdf copy of their presentation, a healthy eating pamphlet, and a book of related children's projects.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Kingsclear Consolidated PSSC is hosting a public meeting concerning the Sustainability study #1, Thursday March 2 at 6.30.

New Business

1. Parking Lot Protocol: The congestion on Golf Club Road seems to have been resolved since a memo was sent out to parents, but on the school grounds there are still problems. Parents are still parking on the crosswalk and generally crowding the children by parking outside of authorized spaces. To resolve the congestion, the sign on the old tennis court parking lot will be changed from "Staff Parking" to "Parking" and an email memo will be sent to remind people to park in the lot.

2. A discussion has been started about whether GC should have a better outdoor classroom, since the current one is too small to be usable. Jacquie will ask the teachers at the next staff meeting if anyone is interested in using the outdoors to teach curriculum, noting that outdoor learning is compatible with the GC focus on wellness. Possible follow-ups to consider include finding parent champions, partnering with UNB foresters, fundraisers, and grants.

Report from Principal:

1. The fluoride rinse program has begun; the first application was this morning. The only, minor issue to be fixed was that the youngest students need to have the fluoride first so as not to interrupt their schedules.
2. The initial school survey results are in; though Katherine will send out one final call for parents who have not completed it to do so. After looking over the results at home, we will then focus where to go with the information during the next meeting.
3. Please see the What's Happening at the Creek handout for details about current GC events.

Correspondence: None reported

Closing Comments: None

Date of Next Meeting: March 28, 2017

Adjournment:

PSSC Chair

Date

PSSC Secretary

Date