



**Garden Creek Elementary School**  
1360 Woodstock Rd, Fredericton, NB

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**  
October 27, 2020 6:30pm  
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b> Mark Taylor: Chair Katie Côté: Vice Chair Pamela Kitchen, Jill Moore, Kim Sorlie, Tim Yerxa, Lily Smallwood, Bailey West, Holly Goodwin, Coral Shuai</p> <p><b>Member Regrets:</b> Secretary: Vacant Home and School Rep: Lily Smallwood</p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b> Katherine Campbell, Principal Samantha Robichaud, Vice Principal Catherine Sypher, Teacher Rep</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation</b> Laura O'Brien, DEC Rep</p>
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**Call to Order: 6:30**

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion for approval of agenda:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Katie Côté 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jill Moore
- all in favor, agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kim Sorlie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bailey
- all in favor, minutes approved

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Survey on Remote Learning During Covid**

- Kim provided some insights into possible survey questions such as
  - Do you believe any assignments during Covid should be graded?
  - Learning should it be print based versus screen based?
  - How often to participate with teacher, daily/weekly?
  - How prepared to assist child home schooling for on-line-learning?

- Hardest challenge? What teachers are doing well for remote learning?
- Progress for more remote learning?
- Survey should be taken to teachers and perhaps district as it affects all of the district
- What is the purpose of the survey was discussed in length, what is the outcome of a survey

## **COVID-19 Related Communications and Planning**

### **School Safety Week**

- No walk down Woodstock Road this year
- Lockdown was completed
- Issue with Grade 5 in library they require a more secure area, school will be addressing this by the Grade 5 going to the gym

## **School Improvement Plans – Personalized Learning, Social Emotional Learning**

- Webinars are on-going for teachers
- How to support students, as there are different type of new unique stresses this year
- Discussions on learning to help student learn to know when they need to calm down, self-management and awareness, how to help others
- Academically school is looking at personalized learning, stretch learning
- GCS has more often progress reports as requested last year by parents, with growth goals between school and home learning
- Oct 30 is a technology learning on Teams, Seesaw for teachers
- Maintaining where school was on Professional learning

### **Raising of Funds**

- Home and School regularly raises funds for the school
- Such areas as school playground, technology, Smart Boards, Ipads
- Committee discussing having donations made via cashless school, unfortunaelty tax receipts would not be available
- 50/50 draw was discussed
- There will be no Christmas Bazaar on school site this year due to Covid, however theme baskets will continue and a silent auction

### **Report from DEC Representative:**

- No election now, being held in 2021
- District plan normally 3 years plan, doing a 1 year interim plan
- DEC focused on digital learning and social emotional well being
- PSSC training session will be online, PSSC members asked if it could be recorded and shared
- Members asked if DEC symposium for 2021 would be held. Laura will get back to us

## **Principal's Report:**

- Principal shared about near miss at crosswalk and is asking for speed light to be placed further down the hill; also will investigate possibility of a flashing light or cross walk on Woodstock road. Mark suggested a John Lewis at City, principal will speak with Andrea whom had involvement at successfully having a walk light put in further down on Woodstock road
- 21 students for Kindergarten were registered to date
- Christmas concert preparations are under way, it will be different as it will be virtual, will be a good experience for the students
- Unfortunately fluoride program was cut last year, due to lack of volunteers
- Committee member asked if it would be possible to have a virtual of the school as the open house was not able to happen this fall, principal will look into that and thought it was a good idea

## **Correspondence:**

N/A

## **Closing Comments:**

## **Date of Next Meeting:**

**November 24rd 6:30 pm GC on Microsoft Teams**

**Adjournment: 7:45**