



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

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**  
November 26, 2019 6:30pm  
Garden Creek Elementary Library

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b> Mark Taylor, Chair Andrea Addison, Vice Chair Katie Côté, Secretary Pamela Kitchen, Jill Moore, Holly Pacey, Lily Smallwood, Kim Sorlie,</p> <p><b>Member Regrets:</b> Hannah Steeves Carney, Home &amp; School Rep Amy White, Tim Yerxa</p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b> Katherine Campbell, Principal Samantha Robichaud, Vice Principal</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b> Jacqueline Fortner, Teacher Rep 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>: Holly Pacey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Katie Côté
- all in favour, agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Holly Pacey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrea Addison
- all in favour, minutes approved

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Boomerang Lunches Subcommittee Report**

- Memo sent to parents about soft roll out for considering waste and what we could do about composting. Only one person had concerns about food coming home.
- Next steps: trial of composting in 10 classes. Composting picked up on Fridays. Composting will be dumped daily to avoid fruit flies, participating classes will send 2 students to do this. Consideration taken into account for children with food allergies, they will not be handling the compost bins. Committee member to look into possibly getting some compost back. Katherine

to meet with the service provider November 29, 2019. Suggestion raised of considering possible parent sponsor for a month to cover composting fees.

## **PL - Resilience PL for the spring for parents – update**

- Katherine has looked into this further with John Fletcher. \$125 per hour. \$750 total for 6 hours. Reach out to other schools would be a next step. Possibly to be held in the spring to reduce chances of cancellation due to weather. Aligns with part of the 10 year plan. Mark to reach out to additional PSSCs to gauge interest in the event. [EastCoastResilience.com](http://EastCoastResilience.com)

## **Report from DEC Representative:**

Plug for transportation town hall

## **New Business:**

- PSSC Budget - Purchase - “No parking “ signs

Purchase of two signs for the entrance, issues with parking during special events. Consensus to investigate further with FFD for best approach.

- Golf Club road safety

Reports of vehicles driving down the road too fast. Police have been notified, directed to the city of Fredericton. Message left with Jody Watson and to touch base. Possibility of traffic calming measures discussed.

## **Report from Principal**

### **Update on PLC plans**

- K-2 Working on checklists of outcomes for literacy and math and map out a continuum to allow for grouping by ability. Continuous Flex grouping for students, to possibly start after Christmas. Keswick open to us visiting. Wendy Sinclair contacted for possible funding
- 1-2 working on book study, benchmark data in literacy and math for grouping
- 3-5 moving towards a passion proj. Global competencies grant awarded, district resource coming in to help bring more specifics to the team and guidance. Each class is working to this effect within a curricular topic. Each student to pick their own project. Ex: Students picking their favorite rock. 1500\$ grant for resource, book study.

### **Playground Update**

- Discussion of what funds are available to replace the aging 3-5 structure and painting of existing equipment.
- Discussion regarding possible ways to fund soccer field drainage. City has pots of funds for park development.

## **Activities**

Carole Plourde to start a K-2 running club.

## **Outdoor Classroom**

- Work is taking place on a grant for outdoor classroom funding with Honda Canada. It was noted that TD also offers grants for environmental education.

## **\$3200 grant from Greener Village**

- Seven classes to get grow towers, take grown food to Greener Village and work with their chef to learn how to cook with it. The remainder to be taken to the Wesleyan church to support families in need. 7 growing racks and 2 towers now in various classrooms. Noted that we should increase parental awareness of this initiative in our newsletter. Expo coming in June for the school community. Students showing their grow journals and outcomes.

Lots of great fundraising. See principals note for November

## **Correspondence:**

N/A

**Closing Comments: Thanks for coming**

**Date of Next Meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm GC Library**

**Adjournment: 7:33**