

GEORGE STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Parent School Support Committee  
Agenda & Minutes for October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting

PSSC Members Present: Dave Bowen (chair), Paula Emery, Jeff Earle, Tim Yerxa, Tina Manuel, Heather O'Connell, Peter Manson, Teacher Rep. Regrets: Darren McKenzie	School/DEC Representation Present: Pierre Plourde, Principal  School/DEC Representation: Terry Pond (not present)
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**1. Call to Order- 6:01**

**2. Review of Minutes for September 17, 2017-** Heather O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes. Paula Emery seconded motion. Minutes approved.

**3. Chair's report-**

- **Information event for parents-** Communication with parents is within the mandate of this group. David asked members for thoughts and ideas around a theme for a possible event. Items discussed:

- Having a topic on Mental Health Awareness possibly around Bell Let's Talk Day in January.
- Focusing on engaging the grade six parents.
- Resources around the portal.
- Backfilling the school budget by offsetting the cost of the "New to the Community" event being planned around report card time.

**4. Principal's report**

School Improvement Plan Process 2017-2018 was finalized during the PD Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. More data will be shared at a later date. A copy was given to members. Please review for next meeting.

Perception Surveys- Student perception surveys will be completed Nov 14-24<sup>th</sup>. This should provide us with great data on our initiatives. Administered by The Learning Bar.

Caribou Math- 150 kids took part of enriched math opportunity. They will compete against mathematicians from around the world. UNB Math- University of Waterloo- Brock University competitions as well as Math League.

Healthy Learners Program- Starting mid-November. 2 staff members- 3 parents and 1 community member.

FYI- We have enough clubs and sports team opportunities for every student at GSMS. The school scored above average on everything in the TTFM except for “belonging”. After discussion with the students, the reasons possible are the high number of new students. The students also say, “it’s ok”. “Don’t worry about it.” The feel safe and this is more important.

**5. Teacher’s Report**

- Grade 6 is working on a Canada 150 art project involving different backgrounds, creating mosaics. What Canada or their home country means to them.
- The first dance was help with the DJ SPARK group playing the music.
- Badminton has started.
- Jam Club has started.
- The first SPARK of the year has finished.
- Mindfulness will be held again during the SPARK time.
- “Observe and Learn” where teachers can observe other teachers at work in the classroom has started and is going extremely well.

**6. DEC Representative-** not present. David will try to connect.

**7. Home and School Report-** Darren not present.

**8. New Business-** none

**9. Adjournment- 6:46.** motioned by Paula Emery, seconded by Heather O’Connell.

**Next meeting: Monday November 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm.**

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**PSSC Chair**

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**Date**

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**PSSC Secretary**

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