

GEORGE STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Parent School Support Committee
 Agenda & Minutes for November 20th, 2017 Meeting

<p>PSSC Members Present: Dave Bowen (chair), Paula Emery, Jeff Earle, Tim Yerxa, Tina Manuel, Catherine McCain Heather O'Connell, Andrea Addison, Peter Manson, Teacher Rep.</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Pierre Plourde, Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation: Terry Pond</p>
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1. Call to Order- 6:34

2. Review of Minutes for October 16th, 2017- Paula Emery motioned to approve the minutes. Darren MacKenzie seconded motion. Minutes approved.

Actions taken and business arising:

- David has left messages with Mental Health without any response to date.
- Multicultural Open House for new families to the school is planned for November 24 2017 from 5-6pm before Parent Teacher. Cost \$750.00. Heather motioned for PSSC to cover half of the cost (\$375.00). Paula seconded. Motion passed.
- School Improvement Plan was circulated at the last meeting. **Action:** This will be sent out electronically. It will be added to the agenda for the January meeting for review before being posted on the website.

3. Chair's report-

- Has left messages with Mental Health regarding a presentation for parents.
- Planning underway for PSSC chairs from GSMS and feeder schools to meet to discuss future planning and attempt to ensure communication is accurate. Suggestion made questioning possibility of joint parent sessions.
- Policy 120 discussed. Some parents have concerns with policy and feel may have more of a voice if multiple PSSCs take concerns to the district.

4. Home and School Report

- November Nonsense made profit around \$3600 which is around the same as the previous format. It was less work for volunteers. Actually had too many. Feedback of the event is mixed. It may be repeated in the spring.
- Fundraising priority currently is the student lounge and also grant individual teacher requests.

5. Principal's Report

- First Healthy Learners meeting was November 14th. Another meeting is scheduled at the community health center on Dec 5th. Will be looking at the health data from NB Student Wellness Survey and TTFM to determine next steps. Probably will be involving mental health. The group will present to the PSSC sometime in the winter.
- Wellness Committee has a proposal for selling smoothies. Require a heavy duty blender. They will be used as part of the Renaissance Rewards.
- Think Tank notes follow up- working with facilities to paint and redesign the change rooms.
- Apple fundraiser- Total funds raised once everything has been paid out was \$10209.00. The funds will be used to complete the flexible lounge (student learning commons) as well as pay for the Positive Persons party. The flexible lounge will be in the former boardroom and should be ready sometime after the Christmas Break. FYI- we plan to do a special event once the room is ready for student use. Maybe even have it as a Renaissance Reward for classes to earn privileges to be the first to enjoy the room..stay tuned.
- The library will be redesigned as well.
- TTFM (Tell Them From Me) has started. Another avenue of student data.
- Last day for students Dec 22nd. Christmas assembly will be held.

6. Teacher's Report

- We Scare Hunger campaign through Global George collected over 2800 food items
- WE Day is Nov 30th Some students have been selected from GSMS to attend in Halifax.
- Beyond the Hurt assembly held Nov 23rd, 2017.
- UNB and STU interns have arrived.
- Drumming group has started.
- Coding Club has started.
- Rafiki bracelets are being sold for Christmas. These are made by women in Africa and the funds help send girls to school.
- JV and Varsity boys soccer won districts.
- An Art Smart Grant was received. Grade 6 is learning geography and cultural info through technology. Technology doesn't just have to be for science and math.
- Grade 8 student won first in province in Caribou Math.
- Lunch and Learn was held with a presentation from Brilliant Labs.

Discussion around parent teacher interviews. There are many issues with the current process but no easy answers. There are not enough time slots for everyone. Parents are not seen as uninterested if they don't attend.

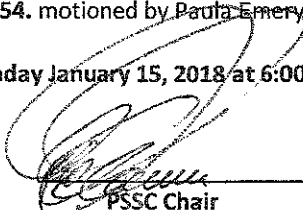
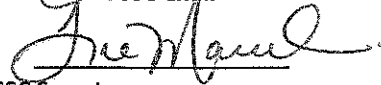
7. DEC Representative (see attached report)

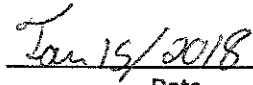

- The next meeting is Dec 14, 2017 at the Fredericton Education Center. The format of the meetings has changed. The new superintendant's report is being received electronically to be reviewed before meeting and saves time during meeting.
- The DEC plans to overhaul all policies over the next three years after governance training. Another goal is to develop a school health policy.
- Also looking for a student rep. Issues with student attending meetings. Looking at ways to have a student voice through forums, etc.
- Terry has been elected to be the rep for the District Health Advisory Group.
- There are school success story snapshots presented at DECH meetings on a rotational basis.

8. New Business- none

9. Adjournment- 7:54. motioned by Paula Emery, seconded by Darren MacKenzie.

Next meeting: Monday January 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm.


PSSC Chair

PSSC Secretary


Date

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