

GEORGE STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Parent School Support Committee  
Agenda & Minutes for September 27<sup>th</sup> , 2017 Meeting

<p style="text-align: center;">PSSC Members Present:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dave Bowen, Darren MacKenzie, Andrea Addison, Paula Emery, Jeff Earle, Catherine McCain, Tim Yerxa, Tina Manuel, Heather O'Connell, Darren MacKenzie Peter Manson, Teacher Rep.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School/DEC Representation Present:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pierre Plourde, Principal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School/DEC Representation Regrets: Terry Pond</p>
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**Call to Order- 6:02**

**Housekeeping Items**

- **Role of PSSC**
- **Forms to sign**

Mr Plourde briefly described the role of the PSSC and passed around forms for new members to sign. **Action: Mr Plourde will email PSSC Handbook to all committee members.**

**Election of Chair:**

David Bowen put forward his name for chair. Seconded by Darren MacKenzie. No other nominations put forward. Committee chair: David Bowen

Darren MacKenzie put forward his name for vice-chair. Seconded by Heather O'Connell. No other nominations put forward. Committee vice chair: Darren MacKenzie.

Tina Manuel volunteered to take minutes. Andrea Addison volunteered in Tina's absence.

**Principal's report**

School Improvement Plan Process 2017-2018- will be finalized tomorrow. The plan is updated often. It involves action plans and goals for student engagement and teacher efficacy by subject. This is different from the PLP (Positive Learning Plan) which helps to identify disengaged students.

Fundraiser- the apple campaign has started. The money will be used for the Student Learning Commons. A room with portable whiteboards and moveable furniture where teachers can take students to work on projects and be creative. Students will be able to use the space at Options as well.

Brilliant Labs has expanded to the games room. This room is now a model classroom. All grade 6 students will be involved in a unit with Brilliant Labs called I<sup>3</sup>.

**Teacher’s Report**

The teachers really feel the orientation day for grade six went well.  
The apple campaign is well organized.  
George Street was involved with Harvest again this year. Last year’s grade 8s performed and Mr Webber’s band.  
Upbeat choir has started.

**DEC Representative’s Report (Terry not present)**

Having a student rep on the PSSC committee is part of the Education Act. The DEC is trying to determine how this should be implemented.

**Home & School**

The first meeting was held Sept 18, 2017. Darren MacKenzie is chair. This is the fundraising committee. The committee is planning something different from November Nonsense. The main attraction, the dunk tank, is no longer safe to be used on the stage and it may be time to change up the event to appeal to the older George Street students. They are thinking maybe a dance with games.

**New Business – Date of Meetings**

The meetings will be held the third Monday of the month from 6 - 7pm. Minimum of six per year.

- October 16, 2017
- November 20, 2017
- January 15, 2018
- March 19, 2018
- April 16, 2018
- May 28, 2017 (last meeting of the year)

**Adjournment:** 6:42pm

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**PSSC Chair**

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**Date**

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**PSSC Secretary**

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**Date**