

**Keswick Ridge School**

**166 McKeen Dr., Keswick Ridge, NB E6L 1N9**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**27 September 2021, 6:30pm**

**Virtual Teams Meeting**

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Jeremy Smith, Chair  Stephanie Seheult  Justine MacLeod  Candace Gilmore  Shawna Quinn  **Regrets:**  Joel English  Debbie Parent | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Chris Roach, Acting Principal  Melissa Chetwynd, Acting Vice Principal |

The Chair welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Principal and Vice Principal’s Report**

* This week, staff and students finished building a Gaga Ball pit on the playground. It is wildly popular with students.
* Jeremy spoke with the Phys. Ed. Subject Coordinator who has offered to build an outdoor classroom for KRS this coming week. Supplies are on the way.
* Ms. Gee is currently on medical leave awaiting surgery and we are hopeful she’ll be able to return in December.
* This year’s School Improvement Plan goals focus on making the school more inclusive for LGBTQI2S+ students. Cheryl Lavigne from the District is assisting staff with training and resources. (Copies of the SIP available on request from Mr. Roach).
* KRS requested and received three EAs for this school year – a reduction from previous years commensurate with changing needs.
* A review of instructional minutes in the K-2 school day revealed that the pre-Covid 8:00-2:15 schedule resulted in a longer instructional day than required. Students now get an additional 25-min recess at the end of the day along with Wednesday dismissal is at 11:15 to correct the overage. Chris has taken on extra duties so that teachers can use the extra recess time for prep.
* The District is implementing a fee to cover costs for using School Cash Online, resulting in slightly higher charges for parents. E.g., An apple-orchard field trip that was $5.00 last year is now $5.50.
* The Great Canadian Bagel will provide a Thursday lunch program, handling deliveries, order forms, and payments. KRS continues to look for additional lunch program options that fulfill Policy 711, provide delivery and offer individual packaging.

**New Business**

Members discussed the impact of NB returning to the mandatory order. KRS is well-equipped to avoid crowding and congestion, and students are already well-practiced on entering and exiting the building in their bubbles, etc. The weather has allowed for outdoor Phys. Ed.

**Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting: 6:30 November 1st on Teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.