



**Kingsclear Consolidated School  
Parent School Support Committee  
Minutes**

**Date: January 16, 2018 Time: 6:00pm  
Location KCS Library**

<b>PSSC Members Present:</b> <b>Rebecca Atkinson Chair</b> <b>Amanda McElman (Teacher Rep)</b> <b>Jennifer Sutherland</b> <b>Lisa Kinney</b> <b>Christopher Dickson (VC)</b> <b>Christina Crouse</b> <b>Darcy Mazzerall</b>	<b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b> <b>Jason Burn Principal</b>  <b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b> <b>Stephanie Haslam</b>
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**Call to Order:**

Rebecca called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Rebecca asked for an approval of the agenda

Motioned to approve by Jennifer Sutherland

Seconded by Jason Burns

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and approval of minutes
2. Principal's report and update
3. DEC report
4. DEC meeting with Chairs Jan 18
5. DEC Spring Symposium (weekend of May 4-6)- can someone attend?
6. Crossing guard- in need of one, status
7. Update on FI & Catchment Review
8. Career Fair
9. Thank you notes
10. Closing comments
11. Confirm dates for next meetings
12. Adjournment

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes approved by Jason, seconded by Lisa

**Principal's report and update**

Staffing

- Robert Greenough has been hired to replace Sara Robins. Robert has had a great transition to KCS. He will be working Tuesdays for Heidi.
- No news on the crossing guard. We thought that we had a couple of interested parties, however, one gained another position and one was deemed a conflict of interest. Spoke with Paul Batiste of the city police last week and there is no updates. They are still searching.
- Sara MacLean (EA) began working here Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. She is an amazing EA and has been shadowing Vicki and Jessica to be able to do Hank's programming.

### December

- Christmas concert was a huge success. Great turn out and a special thanks was sent to Journey Wesleyan Church for allowing us to use their space. Heard back from multiple parents who praised the facility and the performances of our kids!
- KCS students enjoyed the Art Richard concert on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Garden Creek. We used some of our BLEP money for the performance. The remainder of the money was spent on French music for the K-3 classrooms and for the Gym.
- We met with Scott Wood of Boaz International and Journey Wesleyan Church as they were looking to adopt a school to assist in their Breakfast Program. We did learn that they have adopted two schools and we are one of them (Royal Road). They have donated some food and volunteers and they are presently going through the criminal records check process and this will be followed by a group 701 training. We have also discussed doing a bi-monthly lunch for the school.
- Marie Knox of Tim Horton's dropped by to present us with a check \$1875.00 and an industrial toaster for our breakfast program. She is looking to come out and help sometime next week. Marie has stated that Tim's will be giving us more money in 2018 to assist with the program.
- Other events held at KCS included Dot Day, Christmas Dinner, the Calithumpians, Movie night, the SJSQ and Holiday Hoopla!

### January

- Girls Club (UNB) ended – Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. Great program and have heard many positive reviews from the girls who attended.
- Clubs are back up and running – Reading, gymnastics, running. Dance will be starting soon as will chess club.
- Welcome to K meeting tomorrow night at 6PM.
- Our breakfast program has started. The first two days have been a great success. First day we had almost everybody and today we had about 20 kids. We offered toast, fruit and cheese Monday and today we offered cereal, fruit and cheese. We plan on offering eggos, smoothies and muffins. I have also contacted April Sexsmith from Maritime Pride (eggs in schools program).

### Snow removal issues

- We have had a few snow removal issues – truck breaks down in yard, not plowing the walkway. Had to call the company twice. Contracts are up at end of year.

### Norma St. Croix

- Norma has been a huge asset to us. All kids have been tested and preliminary results shared with teachers. Getting together this week and next to go into details and establish next steps.

### Leanne Crandal

- K-2 Literacy Lead working with us for the next three weeks. High praise from staff.

### Makerspace and Library

- Push will be on to get these off the ground. Buying paint and fill for the MSR and the supplies for the Library within the next two weeks

### New Student

- Desi Hanson – Grade 2

### New sports equipment

- Purchased new basketball net and two portable hockey nets. Kids are really excited about the new equipment.

### Calendar Issues

- a) School Connect Training – Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> (Katelyn and Jason)
- b) Family Movie Night Jan. 26 - 6 – 8 PM
- c) PLC book talk – Disruptive Thinking – Jan. 29 – 2:24 PM
- d) TNB at GCS – A Herman Tale – 9 AM – Feb. 7
- e) Olympics start – Feb. 9
- f) Staff appreciation week – Feb. 12 to Feb. 16
- g) Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentines day and fruit kabobs for everyone.
- h) Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Family Day – No School
- i) Feb. 23 – Family movie night – 6 – 8 PM
- j) PL day – 11:20 dismissal – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>
- k) P4K and PSSC meeting – 6pm – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>
- l) Pink Shirt day – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>
- m) March Break – Mar. 3 – Mar. 11
- n) Daylight Savings Time – Mar. 11

### Skating

- We will be going to the Grant-Harvey rinks on Feb. 6, 13 and 20 for our skate program. Ice time is from 10:45 to 11:45

-PSSC to email district to share concern on lack of snow removal

-Jason to send reminder about no drop off in parking lot

-Motion to use PSSC funds to buy KCS banner for communication, promotion and events

-Jason to find out about bus cost to travel to Mactaquac (Jennifer to consider P4K to fund)

-Request to be circulated for parent volunteers to help with skating (3 outings)

-For skating at Grant Harvey (last week of skating, March 20<sup>th</sup>), Jennifer to find out if canteen can open and provide hot chocolate

## **DEC report**

### **DEC Report: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The DEC held its last public meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. I shared the current happenings at Kingsclear, along with the announcement of the Chapters Indigo prize, during the stories of success portion of our meeting. I actually got to read these events the previous month too, at the public meeting in Woodstock. Here is the link to the school success stories snapshots: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/DEC/Documents/School%20Success%20Stories%20-%20December%202017.pdf>

The superintendent, Catherine Blaney, gave her report to the DEC on academic excellence, as the superintendent is required to do twice per year. The report discusses what is expected in terms of upholding academic excellence through growth in numeracy, literacy, science, critical thinking skills, the promotion of teaching excellence, and extending student learning. She discussed the many ways the district is focusing on this through the employment of directors, subject coordinators, and teaching leads amongst others, who support staff with curriculum, assessment, and instruction. There are various seminars, conferences, and workshops offered to educators, in order to enhance and develop skills. Learning for educators through professional development days was also mentioned, as well as opportunities in extended learning for students (chess clubs, heritage fairs, drama festivals, science fairs, math competitions, STEAM expo, etc.)

One topic that arose as a result of the report was that provincial assessment results had not yet been released. It was generally agreed that it would be good to have these results as soon as possible.

There was discussion, regarding the lack of movement on both the proposed Hanwell school, and the tech wing for Leo Hayes.

Also, just a reminder about the Spring Symposium, which will be held from May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza in Fredericton. If anyone from the PSSC is interested in attending, could they please email me at [Stephanie.haslam@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Stephanie.haslam@nbed.nb.ca).

The next public meeting is in Woodstock on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. The next public meeting in Fredericton is on February 22 at 6:30. I'll see you on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January! Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Budget came through, no money for Hanwell School or tech wing for Leo Hayes HS

-Next public meeting: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM at FHS in district office

-Thought is that sustainability decision will be tabled for another year

-Stephanie would like to present update on KCS before they vote

-**Rebecca** (**Lisa** to help if no response) to contact Brian MacDonald to see if he can attend Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and ask about Mactaquac status (potential growth, what would that look like?)

## **DEC meeting with Chairs Jan 18**

-Rebecca going to meeting on Thursday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> in Oromocto; invited by DEC Chair; will share outcomes of the meeting

### **DEC Spring Symposium (weekend of May 4-6)**

-Chris will attend, needs to register by Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

-Rebecca to ask Stephanie if we can tag team

### **Crossing guard- in need of one, status**

-A KCS EA is interested in the position and will be applying

-Rebecca to post on PSSC FB page request for parent volunteers to help while we wait for permanent crossing guard

-Paul Battis, police contact, can field parent concerns on lack of crossing guard and no reduced speed limit sign; Lisa and Chris will call in complaints

### **Update on FI & Catchment Review**

-6 students in FI at Keswick Ridge; KCS is the only south side school without FI

-FI request/letter has been acknowledged by Catherine

-SOMEONE Find out who Liberal and NDP candidate is in upcoming election (to discuss FI)

### **Career Fair**

-Jan 30<sup>th</sup> meeting dedicated to planning of career fair

### **Thank you notes**

-Were they sent out to community members who helped with craft fair, Christmas dinner, etc?

-Thank you notes to be sent to Craft Fair vendors with registration form to confirm table

-Rebecca to send # of thank you cards for vendors to Jason

-Amanda to look and propose a date for 2018 Craft Fair, possibly Nov 4<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>; suggested we charge teachers

### **Future Events**

-Plan for Staff Appreciation

-Plan for April clean-up day around Earth Day

-Plan for May 26<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale Day; idea to sell snacks and bouncy castle. This event will be led by P4K.

## Closing Comments

-Chris sharing folders for Jason and teachers to review fundraising options (recipe books or calendars), technology scholarships, school tools program to outfit classrooms with supplies, 6-week back to school sales and Jason can submit letter requesting that donated funds be diverted to KCS for the 6-week period, letter co-signed by PSSC and we promote to students

-Jason to draft letter for \$20k challenge for Staples, Chris suggested he include green initiatives (green houses, bottle drives, composting program, garden), community involvement

## Date of Next Meeting

- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> PSSC at 6

## Adjournment

Darcy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00

Chris seconded

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**Rebecca Atkinson**  
**PSSC Chair**

**Jan 17, 2017**  
**Date**

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**Lisa Kinney**  
**PSSC Secretary**

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