



**McAdam Elementary School**  
**Parent School Support Committee Agenda**  
**Date: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Time: 4:30pm**  
**Location: McAdam Elementary School**

**Call to Order:**

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Attendance:** Diane MacKay (Chair), Serena Bradford (DEC Representative), Cheryl Copp, Sarah Faulkner, Erica Scott (MES Teacher Rep), Shirley Baisley-Moffatt and Sherry Norton

**Absent:**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**New Business:**

- Serena Bradford – DEC Member
  - o Education Governance – this idea of change came out the Green paper. The stance on this is to improve parental involvement . After some calculations were done there will actually be less parental involvement. They will move from 472 PSSC (current) and with the new concept we would be down to 42 parent members and 14 student members – no identified teacher on the new plan
  - o McAdam High and MES will not even be in the zone we are in now. We will be zoned with regional council in Saint Stephen. Harvey will go with the Woodstock regional council.
- There will be a regional council that will have 3 parent representatives for Elementary and 3 reps from High school, from the whole area. 2 community reps. There are no teachers, no principals included in the representation.
- Will they be changing districts?
- 3 Schools being affected by the changes – both McAdam schools and 1 up north.
- There are a lot of unknowns, but Minister Cardy has made it clear that it is already a done deal and that we will only have input. This meeting will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> with Craig Caldwell. This will be a closed meeting. Minister Cardy says he has had consultations with PSSC committees.
- 2021 – governance initiatives started and wants to implement it in Fall of 2022
- Cardy will have to change the education act to get this to pass – this will have to be taken to the House before it can go through. Needs to be addressed before it happens

- He says he is doing this because he needs more feedback from students and parents.
- Superintendent – will not report to the DEC, but to
- Seems like he will be dictating how we will be able to elect. It seems like all the consultations that they have done, no one has actually been consulted.
- Representation from our area is worrisome in the new system because our area is so small and we will be zoned with larger areas and members are being elected.
- DEC chair has met with opposition members and media (but they are not interested as many people are unaware of the situation)
- DEC had an admin but was fired without cause 2 weeks ago. They will not be assigning a new admin because of the upcoming changes.
- She has shared all the information with all 4 schools – she has not yet met with MHS or HHS.
- Look at PowerPoint for further information
- **Time for us to ask questions to MLA** - I hear there will be changes to our DEC/PSSC committees, our council will now be grouped with a different district – how will that work? , what is the election process for representatives?
- **French language changes coming** – accepting 18 out of the 24 recommendations – 1 is that everyone graduating will have conversational French. What is the plan for this? How does he plan to meet these goals? Where is the money and resources coming from for this? What happens to the students who are in high school now getting ready to graduate without conversational french? Where are we going to get the teachers/FTE/ minutes to fill these roles? What is the point of students leaving high school with conversational French if it won't help them get jobs?
- Look at **Number 18** – EECD create an authentic ... - how is this going to happen?
- Critical questions – no operational plan yet – has not told the frequency or intensity required to meet outcomes.
- He has already done a draft MEC (redrafting of legislation) and it is not being talked about anywhere.
- One positive to come from recommendations is that they are increasing the numbers of First Nation community. There is currently 1 member, and will be increasing to 7 members (potentially)
- Principal Updates:
  - o Academic Support from the district continued – we continue to have a supply teacher in the school daily. This will continue until Easter (at least) They will re-evaluate then.
  - o More Technology (10 laptops ) – new laptops from the district, these went to Grade 5, and their iPads filtered through the school. 46 iPads for 50 kids.
  - o Mitchell Soup Fundraiser (\$1061) -

- Java Moose Coffee Fundraiser – we just started this fundraiser – it will run until Apr.22 )
- Parent Teacher Interviews – can be in person this term. Each teacher is to give the 3 ) options – in person/ phone call/ TEAMS call
- Breakfast funding \$2700 – Linda Dempsey – put in a grant for multiple schools and it was distributed to each.
- Student Clubs – we are in full swing with clubs. We currently have 7 clubs running – drawing/coloring, K-2&3-5 Basketball, Newspaper, 3-5 Athletics clubs,  
This has helped with curbing behaviours during recess. Teachers will be looking at data that was compiled from someone at district to categorize behaviours.
- School Use after hours – it is still open to the community. There was interest for K-2 basketball, forms have been sent home. Now we are just waiting to hear back.
- Ham Dinner April 12<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Plourde is cooking
- School Report Card Feedback – the school created a list of things that we have done. We are looking for feedback about this.
- Milk Donation – Lakeland – each student is able to receive 1 free milk a day

**Action Items:**

Start sending emails to MLA

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:**

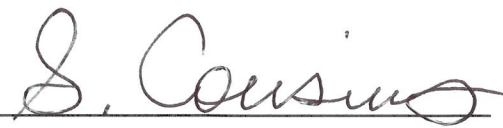
**Date of Next Meeting: May 11, 2022**

**Adjournment:5:30**

**Signatures:**



**Diane MacKay (Chair)**



**Scott Cousins (Principal)**