



Parent School Support Committee

Monday, May 31, 2021 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

1. Approval of February Minutes

- Motion Moved: Elizabeth Seconded: Neena Motion Carried

Principal Report - Kurt Stiles

Mr. Stiles will be moving to Hubbard Elementary in the fall. He expressed that it is difficult to leave such a great school, but that change can also be positive and beneficial to schools. The new principal will be chosen and announced within the next couple of weeks.

New school signage will be coming out of the school budget. The PSSC will maintain their budget for next year's committee.

Student appreciation day is on June 8th- There will be fun activities outside to recognize and thank students for their efforts this school year.

Parking lot- we will continue to look into repairs for the parking lot next year. We had inquired about repairs earlier in the year, but our school was not at the top of the priority list and our request was overturned. Our school's parking lot is on the Capital Improvement list, it may just be a matter of time. The entrance needs to be leveled and there are some safety concerns. A DEC representative will be coming to re-assess the lot in the near future.

Provincial assessments were completed- grade 5 math and grade 4 English and FI reading. These results will be available in the fall and should be an interesting measure of the impact of the pandemic during the last two years of learning.

Ipads have all just been replaced, which was greatly appreciated by staff. These are used frequently, particularly in the early grades. There is a new math app called Zorbit that students and staff are enjoying. Zorbit targets specific math skills at students' individual levels.

Current Business:

The school picnic on June 7th. Parents and other family members are encouraged to enjoy a lunch outside with the students. We're bringing in a "POPcycle". Students and their families can buy popsicles from this cart on wheels.

Grade 5 end of year activities will be paid for with Home and School funds. The Home and School Committee applied for one grant that wasn't approved. They are hoping to be approved for a \$1700 Coop Community Fund grant. If approved, it will be used to help feed students through the lunch program.

MSS is planning to make the school letters on the front of the building more kid-friendly. These letters can easily be removed and spray painted.

Report on the new DEC structure- There have been multiple meetings and discussions surrounding doing away with DEC and PSSC. There is talk of electing a provincial board and regional councils. Within this new model, groups would be called Enhanced School Support Committees (ESSC) instead of Parent School Support Committees (PSSC). There would be more involvement from this committee than there is within the current structure. A combination of parents, teachers, community members, and high school students would all be part of decision-making and voicing school needs and concerns. Someone from ESSC would attend school improvement planning and the committee would have more input on school budgets. There are still some unknowns about how communication will occur between various levels. The goal is to have decisions made about the structure moving forward by June 23, 2022, but the previous structure will remain as-is for the duration of the 2022-2023 school year. Schools will be forming PSSCs as usual in the fall.