**New Maryland School**

**75 Clover st, New Maryland E3C 1C5**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: January 15th, 2018 Time: 4:30 Location: ESST room in school**

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  **Chair**  **Vice Chair**  Sarah Bird, Melissa Gaudet: Teacher Reps  Loreigh MacKay  **PSSC Members Regrets:** Natalie Holder, Dave Lavigne, Dawn O’Donnell, Krystle Roherty, Lisa Innes, Matt Stainforth, Peter Dickinson, Angela Kelly, Karyn Hamilton | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Heather Hallett, Principal  Terry Pond/DEC  **School/DEC Representation Regrets:** |

**Call to Order: 4:35**

**Approval of the Agenda:** L. MacKay, M. Gaudet

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** L. MacKay, S. Bird

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. Guest speakers are booked for February 6th. Thank-you to Matt Stainforth. Information will be shared via e-mail, Facebook, school website.
2. 3D Data has completed an estimate for a screen and projector for the gymnasium. Bryan Facey (ASD-W) is assisting to get the lowest cost and honor any government contracts that exist.

**Budget:** Request stands to subsidize cost of projector and screen for gymnasium. Not enough

members present to discuss.

**Reports:**

1. **DEC Report Terry Pond**

-The next DEC meeting is January 20th

-They have been asked to create policy on sexual orientation and gender issues. There is some concern that this type of policy is directed at a specific group and their mandate is to generate policy that is applicable to all.

-Currently ASD-E and ASD-S have policy but it is not clear how it is being monitored.

-Conversation around whether the province should be creating a provincial policy.

-Dec is currently doing a policy review

-Looking closely at staff relations, school cultures and healthy living

-New healthy guideline: 5210

Five fruits and vegetables, Two hours screen time (or less), one hour of exercise, Zero calorie drinks

-Some schools have been designated as “Health promoting” schools or PBIS schools (positive behavior intervention support)

-Member Loreigh Mackay submitted her name to attend the spring symposium.

1. **Home and School Report Natalie Holder**

-Group meets tomorrow, January16th

-The playground launch was held December 6th

-The sign acknowledging sponsors has been installed on the wall facing the kindergarten playground

1. **Principal Report**

**Ten Year Plan:**

-Indigenous education:Objective 6. Intend to book a Blanket ceremony for staff. To be facilitated by an Elder. Kendra Broad has been contacted to organize

-First Nations school champion: Sean McInerny

-Discussed Truth and Reconciliation Engagement: recommendations to be sent to Kimberly Douglass

**DIP:**

Formative assessment: Numeracy formative assessment binders have been printed from the portal for teachers K-2. Intended roll out for Grade 3 is next year

**SIP:**

-“Our School” survey results circulated and discussed. Positive

-Wellness survey results circulated. The grade five students from this survey have since moved to middle school.

-Language lab is being developed by the resource teacher team

**ISD/ Child and Youth**

NBTA is asking for feedback from teachers regarding this initiative. NMES has had a positive experience so far. There are still many questions.

**New Business:** Expenditure of budget will need to be confirmed at next meeting as quorum is required.

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:** Our School Survey results will be forwarded to absent members via e-mail.

**Date of Next Meeting:** February 12th

**Adjournment:** 6:10

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**PSSC Chair Date**

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**PSSC Secretary Date**