**New Maryland School**

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

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: March 19th, 2018 Time: 4:30 Location: ESST room in school**

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| **PSSC Members Present:** Loreigh MacKay, Krystle Roherty, Matthew Stainforth, Peter Dickinson, Angela Kelly  **Chair** Natalie Holder  **Vice Chair** Dave Lavigne  **Teacher Rep:** Melissa Gaudet  **PSSC Members Regrets** Dave Lavigne, Karyn Hamilton, Lisa Innes, | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Heather Hallett, Principal  Terry Pond/DEC  **School/DEC Representation Regrets:** |

**Call to Order: 4:35**

**Approval of the Agenda:** Peter Dickinson, Melissa Gaudet

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Matt Stainforth, Heather Hallett

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. PSSC budget: Purchase of a projector for the gymnasium was approved. Chair, Natalie Holder documented the approval for ASD-W budget and accounting. Item has been purchased. Budegt is spent.
2. Speaker series: Possible topic Search and Rescue. H Hallett will look into possibilities and share via e-mail
3. Parent handbook: H. Hallett has connected with the school leadership regarding content and will bring suggestions as well as an example of a previous handbook to the next meeting. Natalie will table at the Home and school meeting for recommendations.

**Reports:**

1. **DEC Report Terry Pond:**

**-**The sexual orientation, transgender policy was developed and passed by the DEC members. It is currently in draft form pending approved at a public meeting. Policies on same differ among the districts.

**-**The decision regarding closure of Kingsclear Consolidated School has been tabled until September.

**-**Looking at reorganization of schools on the Northside.

-Capital budget priorities will be due from the DEC in the next month or so.

-New member on DEC council: Allan Sabattis-Atwin

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

Playground bill has been paid. The requested monies to subsidize the projector in the school gymnasium was approved. The Spell-A-Thon event will be in April. Next meeting to be held April 10th.

1. **Principal Report**

**Ten Year Plan:**

-Blanket Ceremony facilitated by Alma Brooks and Chris Brooks March 21st

-PDU meeting to be hosted at NMES March 22

**DIP:**

-ASD-W Monitoring report planned for February has not been posted yet.

-Review of DIP pamphlet

**SIP** :

**-**Reading records due this month

-Literacy Lead joined the K teachers for their in house research and professional learning on Oral Language February 16th

-Grade 1 core teachers met with the Literacy lead February 28th to reflect and revise writing practices and pedagogy

-Principals book study “No More reading For Junk”

-Skating feed back

-Learning walks

-Great showing for Pink shirt day; discussion around the definition of bullying

-PSST: Further information

-Talk With our Kids about Money day is April 18th. Information has been shared with staff

-Music festival entries: Gr 1 FI choir, Grade 1-2 choir, Grade 3-5 choir April 23, 25 and 26

-Registered in Drama festival in April 9th/10th

**ISD/ Child and Youth:**

**-**Review of feedback document

**Calendar:**

-Creative Ensemble will perform for the school March 28th

-Report cards will be issued April 9th

**-**PL half days in April and May dismissal will be at 11:30 not 11:15. Half days for FHS and LHHS will be Thursday rather than Tuesday

**New Business:**

1. Discussion around a poster being circulated in British Columbia regarding white privilege, Director Wayne Annis confirmed via e-mail there is currently nothing similar being promoted in New Brunswick. Discussion led to “should social justice” issues be discussed in school; especially in the lower grades. There were varied opinions at the table.
2. Feedback around the practice of half day PL for teachers (new this year) was requested and given.

**Correspondence:** Nil

**Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting:** April 16th

**Adjournment:** 6:05 pm

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**PSSC Chair Date**

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**PSSC Secretary Date**