**New Maryland School**

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

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: November 20th Time: 4:30 Location: ESST room in school**

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

**Call to Order: 4:34**

**Approval of the Agenda:** Matt Stainforth, Peter Dickinson

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Loreigh MacKay, Krystle Roberts

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. **Speaker Series**

* Matt contacted Dr. Shannon Small who is willing to come speak at NMES
* Dr. Small and Stacy Coy are willing to come in February. Topic planned is “*Helping Kids Deal with Stress*”. Stacy Coy confirmed with Heather. Matt to follow-up with Shannon/Stacy. Tentative date set for Tuesday, February 6, 2018.
* Heather has a lead for a speaker in May. She will give further details later. Topic: *Autism and First Responders*

1. **PSSC Budget**

* 3D Data to provide quote for projection system in the gym
* Spending budget on this item will fit the mandate for Communication.

1. **Parent handbook**; question was raised about whether this exists or should. School websites are not easily navigated and not well populated. This may be something to consider in the future.

**Reports:**

1. **DEC Report Terry Pond**

* DEC makes the Policies and the Superintendent reports back to us on how those policies are being met. The policy determines how many times a year and when we get reports on any given policy.
* ASD~W One and Three Year Goals were voted on and passed. With the addition one new goal to added to the One year Goals. Procedure to Get “Student Voice” for the DEC. Explain.
* DHAC District Health Advisory Committee Representative from the DEC ~ T Pond Elected with Faith Kennedy (SD 10) as our Alternate.

1. **Home and School**

* $17800 in the bank

approximately $5000 still to go to playground

* Fall Frolic – profit $5400 (although the intended focus is community connections,

not fundraising)

* Playground sign should be installed soon. To be installed on wall outside gym to recognize sponsors of the playground

There will be a playground launch – TBD

* Each teacher to receive $100 each during the winter

1. **Principal Report Heath**

**-Ten Year Plan:** DoE is developing a Framework for school improvement. Teaching staff have been asked for feedback on Frameworks from Ontario and Australia

**-DIP**

-Metacognition: Thinking about our thinking (revisit what this looks like in practice at most staff meetings)

-Engagement: Autonomy, competence, relatedness, relevance (revisit what this looks like in practice at most staff meetings)

**-SIP** Latest edited copy circulated and reviewed

-K-2 Math lead starts today

-ELF sessions end the week of December 11th. We have requested 4 volunteers for the winter session

-School PLWEP: WITS, Citizenship. Roots of Empathy. Recently kicked off a golden sneaker award for demonstrating good citizenship. Criteria was co-constructed by students. Each class that receives the award chooses the next winner.

-Our School Survey (previously TTFM) Closes Dec 19, data to be shared at next meeting

-Pyramid of Interventions circulated and reviewed

- Ring a Bell For Mental Health will be recognized Dec. 1st

**-ISD/ Child and Youth**

This initiative is developing through practice. NMES has been pleased with services.

The school has only made two referrals. There have been several external referrals.

**New Business:**

**-**Discussion around whether to keep meeting time at 4:30 as two members cannot consistently attend at this time.

-Inquiry about a school handbook for parents.

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:** Have a safe and happy break. Classes resume January 8th, 2017

**Date of Next Meeting: January 15, 2018**

**Adjournment: 6:00 pm**

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