New Maryland Elementary School
Parent School Support Committee
75 Clover Street New Maryland, NB, E3C 1C5
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**PSSC Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 10th,**

**6:30 at NMES**

**Call to Order**

**Regrets ~** Aurora Reid, David Lavigne, Michael Pope, Stacey Coy, Jason Burns and Aimee Foreman

**1. Additions and approval of the agenda :** Approved by Heather Hallett and seconded by Rene George.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting:** Approved by Terry Pond and seconded by Sarah Bird

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

-Congratulations to Terry Pond on his new appointment as DECH rep for sub district 6.

-Congratulations to Ginger Nicholson on her appointment as PSSC Chair for New Maryland School.

**4. DEC Report** – New report cards are ready to roll out to the rest of the Province next year.

Vote to take place March 19th on possible closure of three schools; Coles Island, Bath (second presentation), Stanley. Feasibility Study is being conducted on the three schools.

**5.** **Principal’s Report** ~ Healthy Living Habits; student and parent survey will be done in the Spring. Looking at modes of transportation and how students travel to school along with healthy eating habits.

* Waste audit done by students as part of the Gaia project last year resulted in the building of recycle units which are now complete.
* Four Brain Bikes have been purchased for trial in classrooms
* Student Rowing machine currently located in the gym has been well received for body break use.
* Young Leaders Program facilitated by the Phys Ed teachers. The Phys Ed Leaders are collecting points the rest of the school population are learning about the attributes. The current focus is citizenship.
* Elf – Early Literacy Program is facilitating a second round working with two students 1:1 for an hour after school 2 days a week.
* Tell them From Me: 2 weeks to complete survey – We have added 3 personalized questions directly related to NMES regarding clubs and committees, multiple intelligences and student feedback
* Jan 30th was the last date for the 1st round of KSW assignments. Two new KSW’s have started in February.
* CUPE Staff turnover continues. EA Natalie Trembath left in December, new bus driver, 4th part time administrative assistant to leave this week. Librarian position to be advertised again
* Custodian position has been filled and then vacated. Filled again with an employee on a gradual return to work program and is currently filled with a casual.
* NMES is hosting 2 Ball on the afternoons of Feb 11th
* A pod of 10 iPads have been purchased and assigned to Resource. To be available on a sign out basis.
* There will be a recognition Lunch Feb 20th for Phys Ed Leaders, Peace Keepers and Student Voice committee members.
* Teacher Perception Survey has been circulated and completed.
* Mme Vail will not be returning after her maternity leave, she has accepted a position at the District as a Tech mentor until June.
* Metal framing at school entrance has been added to the Capital Projects list for painting.
* Students raised approximately $400.00 for the Childrens Wish Fund
* After school basketball to finish February 16th

7**. Financial Report and Budget Items** - Budget must be spent by the end of February.

Suggestions were a cabinet for housing school recognition awards and a Sound System for the Gym. A sound system quote from Signature Sound was approximately $1800.00 including labor. Budget is approximately 1200.00. Considering having staff with expertise complete installation. Members present voted for the sound system. An electronic vote will be circulated via e-mail to members not in attendance. Update: unanimous vote for the sound system.

8. **School Improvement Plan Discussion**

-Benchmarking for Key Skills & running records have been completed by all classroom teachers. (second round) Teachers report that Key Skills Math assessment is an effective tool.

-It was noted that this is a time of year when the focus is curriculum based and a great deal of time has been sent on assessing for report cards. Completing the report cards in the new format was cumbersome and time consuming and the effort was not reflected in the product.   
-ESS Team went to a UDL coaching meeting given by EECD that was worthwhile.   
-Book Study on Assessment with a group of staff and Ann Sherman from UNB is near completion.

-Words Their Way is starting to roll out amongst classes; feedback to date is positive.

-Book Study: Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog will finish February 25th.

-Math Mentor will be back March 9th for a 2 week block. School focus is on number and operation and mental Math.

-Friday, February 13th Parent Teacher conferences – EAs will be participating in professional learning re: visual supports by Cara Sparks SLP and Emotional regulation with Gina Mallard. EA’s from Priestman St School will be joining them.   
Gr. 4 students are enjoying the Roots of Empathy program.

Zones of Regulation is being facilitated in several classrooms.

**Home and School Report**: Accessible Playground Grants are being worked on. A second round of funds have been forwarded to teachers; 100.00 per teacher. Although the playground is a main focus other financial requests are still being considered.

9. **New Business**: Nil

10. **Date for next meeting is March 10th**

**11. Adjournment:** 8:00 pm