

New Maryland Elementary School Parent School Support Committee

Agenda - Monday, February 24, 2020 at 4:30pm

1. Call to Order

- a. Call to order at 4:32pm
Regrets – Amanda, Lisa, Melissa, Amy

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda approved – Sarah, 2nd by Loreigh

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Minutes approved by Loreigh, 2nd by Panda

5. Business Arising from Minutes (follow-up items)

- a. Bus safety letter – response from Superintendent and Deputy Minister of EECD (Anglophone)
 - Could invite Mark Manderson from EECD – Transportation – to discuss bus safety and see if they are collecting data and sharing it with the department
 - Heather to invite to next meeting
 - Consider having the kids make a video & share on the FB page; send a letter to Village of New Maryland council; follow up with EECD in the summer (after school is completed); consider follow up with District Transportation

6. Reports

- a. DEC (TBD) – Elections in May if you are interested
- b. Home and School (Natalie Holder) / Loreigh McKay
 - \$10 gift cards for all teachers to Sobeys for Teacher Appreciation Week
 - H&S purchased a bouquet of flowers for Lori Jones-Clark to congratulate her on her new role
 - Sara MacKay shared positive information on the ETF application; Marwood will donate the lumber
- c. Principal's (Heather Hallett)
 - See next page

7. Correspondence

8. New Business

- a. PSSC budget – Will be spending budget on corex signs with new school vision/mission; will look into magnets and get costs to Heather; other options are books for the parent library or extra paper

9. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting is March 16th 2020 at 4:30

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.

February 2020 principal's report

Ten year plan Literacy, Numeracy, First Nations

- We currently have 2 literacy leads and 2 numeracy leads on site coaching teachers.
- There is still no information on whether we will receive "Good for Kids" support.
- FI teachers in grades 1-5 will have the opportunity to attend a word wall activity session February 26th.
- Numeracy leads facilitated a review of the Math Improvement site with all staff and followed up with individuals as required.
- Administration will attend "Building Capacity around French Second Language Instruction" February 27th.

DIP: Engagement, formative assessment, collective efficacy

- Staff self reflection on creative types as described by John Spence.
- Grade level meetings will use a common template that identifies: items worth sharing, celebrations, challenges, student specific strategies.
- Sharing of Our School survey results
- Continued focus on less teacher directed/lecture practice. Replace with guided groups, projects and inquiry based or play based learning.
- Continued focus on student self assessment, identification of present level of performance and next steps.

ISD:

- Administration and one resource teacher attended "Common plan" information meetings.
- A list of possible services and providers has been disseminated
- Our school is receiving support in the form of group sessions for students as well as individual counselling.

SIP

-Staff has reviewed the new school vision icon draft created by Bill Keays. Revisions were predominantly focused on reduction of text quantity. We hope to get a final copy soon for production and posting.

-The core leadership team met, reviewed and analysed the specific indicators in Domain 3 identified by staff. Feedback was further delineated into operational items and improvement items.

Improvement items:

-Social Emotional supports and instruction (tier 1, 2 and 3 interventions)

- Playground expectations: staff survey for clarification of common practice and language

-Improved identification, differentiation and tracking of professional learning. How do we support/sustain?

Operational Items

-Finding common time to plan and collaborate and release time for student assessment

-Cyber safety

-Positive recognition and celebration

-Strategic action goals were created and shared with staff. Implementation is ongoing. Next steps are to monitor progress and impact.

General

-Staffing changes

Tara Green to EAL program: Replacement Brenda LaFrance

Lori Jones-Clark to acting principal at Montgomery: Replacement Sara MacKay

Sandy Barry retired: Danielle Hurley

Sarah Bird to FEC office autism support worker: Replacement Lindsay Misener

-Thank-you to parents who dropped off treats during teacher appreciation week

-Kindness/Pink shirt assembly was held to increase student understanding of pink shirt day to be celebrated February 26th

-Winter Fest schedule was sent home last week; activities are curriculum based and do not negatively impact instructional time. Jersey day, wing color day, great minds are kind day, staycation day, blanket, books and PJs event

-First Aid training for 3 of our custodians March 5th

-Staff book share March 11

-French singer/entertainer will perform March 12th. His most popular songs have been forwarded to teachers for practicing with students in preparation.

-Author visit March 18th: Wendy McKnight visiting Gr 5 students to talk about “The Frame up”. She will meet students at a follow up field trip to the local art gallery. The setting of this book is the Beaverbrook Art Gallery here in Fredericton.

-After school basketball has concluded

-After school coding club and Art instruction begin this month

-Mr. Thompson will facilitate “Girls at Bat Program” from Jays Care foundation

-Purchased a water bottle filling station to be installed at entrance to gymnasium