

**New Maryland Elementary School  
Parent School Support Committee**

Minutes - Monday, September 23, 2019 at 4:30pm

**1. Call to Order**

**Call to order at 4:37**

a. Regrets – Loreigh, Natalia, Peter

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda approved by Lisa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa

**3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes approved by Sarah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Natalie

**4. Introductions and Committee Admin**

a. Introductions

b. 2019-2020 meeting dates – 4:30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (except Feb if necessary will be the 24<sup>th</sup>); no meeting in December, and no meeting on snow days

c. Review of committee positions (Chair, Vice-chair, meeting recorder, Home & School rep) & Election

Chair – Natalie Holder

Vice Chair – Lisa Arnason

Meeting recorder – Lisa & Amanda

Home & School rep – Natalie / Loreigh

d. Committee Quorum – 4 individuals

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

a. None

**6. Reports**

a. DEC (TBD) – Natalie to follow up with Carol Clark-Caterini re DEC rep

b. Home and School (Natalie Holder)

- Account balances – H&S account, over \$13k, playground account over \$12k
- New officers elected for H&S executive – Loreigh MacKay as President, Jennifer Allen as VP, Natalie Holder as secretary, Vanessa McDougall as Treasurer, Loreigh MacKay as volunteer coordinator, and Rene Beaubien as clothing order coordinator.
- Fall Frolic planning starting next week
- Voted on \$1000 to fund maker-writer space for the year

c. Principal's (Heather Hallett)

**Ten Year Plan Priorities: Objective 3 (K-2 Literacy), Objective 4 (K-2 Numeracy), Objective 6 (First Nations needs and curriculum)**

- Continued focus on Guided reading and Math
- Math leads have been onsite ensuring all teachers have the required documents and supports
- Benchmark Math assessments will no longer be collected by EECD but schools will submit to ASD-W at the end of the school year.
- Reading records are collected four times a year

**DIP:** Student engagement, Formative assessment, collective efficacy

- Play based learning
- Outdoor learning and trail use
- Garden project

**SIP :** Creating Assessment capable, visible learners

- Strategic template practice started last year will continue
- NMES will take part in the first year roll out of the Provincial Improvement Framework Implementation Training

PBIS work continues. Next goal/focus will be determined shortly

**ISD/ Child and Youth:** No update

**General:**

- Concerned with EA cuts. School ESST met with Kendra Broad today to brainstorm solutions.
- Cafeteria services are expected to resume in October with Resto La Bonne Assiette.
- Band: Staff volunteers worked at Harvest Jazz and Blues to raise money in support of school band which has started up.
- Healthy hearts project last year. Used money to purchase materials for the playgrounds that promote physical activity

**7. Correspondence**

**8. New Business**

- a. PSSC budget - \$1000-1200 to spend by March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Options – signage, books

**9. Next Meeting**

- a. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm in the Yellow Wing resource room
- b. Heather will bring forms to sign for new members at the next meeting

**10. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 5:23!**