



SCHOOL NAME: Nashwaak Valley School

Address: 747 Route 628 Durham Bridge

Parent School Support Committee

Minutes

Date: January 9, 2018 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Nashwaak Valley School

<p>PSSC Members Present: Laurel Taylor - Vice Chair Nicole Estey-Biggar Others –</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Mike Gallagher - Chair (Absent / Regrets) Jenna Esligar - Teacher Rep. (Regrets)</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart - Principal Kimberley Douglass DEC member</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</p>
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Call to order – 6:05 pm

Approval of the Agenda:

~ Follow up to School Policy from November meeting

- o Head lice & Nut Free policy
- o Created and sent to families in late November / December – no negative feedback received from this
- o In future years will be sent home in September with other school information
- o It was reiterated that the members fully support these policies and the continued use of them in future years.

~ PSSC Budget: ASD-W has now paid for all Synervoice accounts for schools. Our budget was originally used to cover this cost. Now we have \$255 we can use for other purposes related to PSSC. Recommendation to use these funds to assist with the costs of having our school mascot printed and displayed in our school with First Impression Graphics. Movement to approve the use of the \$255 for the printing of school mascot decals to be posted throughout the school

~ Student Survey Data: Tracy shared the most recent student survey data from our current grade 4 and 5 students released to us in December. Overall, the student responses were very favourable about our school, and their peer and teacher relationships. Staff plan to use this data to continue to improve and offer opportunities for students. The bus continued to be an issue with many students in the fall. At the time the students took this survey, bus concerns for both students and staff were high and we asked the

students to help brainstorm ways we may improve the bus. Students gave some ideas that staff will follow-up on; however, bus behavior seems to have settled since the end of November. Tracy hopes to continue to have her student forums with grade 4 and 5 students this winter to further hear the student voice. She will also share this data with staff at the January staff meeting and present the information to the students so that we can continue to know we are hearing their voice.

~ Whole School Initiatives (total family wellness, mindfulness, emotional regulation, clarity around school code of conduct / positive behaviors (school assemblies): Michelle O'Hara (teacher SPR) is working very hard to offer 4 evening sessions for families around whole family wellness which will begin this month. She is also working on bringing in people from the community so that there are enriched learning opportunities for all students. There will be two blocks of enriched learning sessions students may engage in this winter and spring. Staff as part of our continuous improvement process is looking more closely at ensuring there is clarity and consistency around our school code of conduct / motto (We Care) and in how we recognize positive behaviors. We've begun monthly "We Care" Assemblies where each class will have an opportunity to lead an assembly in showing some way they care (about our learning, others, ourselves, our school, our community, etc). Staff have reorganized some of our space to creating a calming space to be utilized by all students to continue to enhance and assist us with our emotional regulation / mindfulness initiatives.

~ PSSC Stakeholder engagement survey is open for any parents to complete and submit. This was forwarded to PSSC members by Tracy. If you would like to complete it please do so and email to Kimberley Douglass by January 18, 2018.

~ DEC chair, Kimberley Douglass provided an update on some of the DEC work and district initiatives:

- Sam Jingfors presentation on digital / social media safety for parents and children organized by ASD-W was wonderful. Not as many parents took advantage of the presentation and satellite sites as they would have hoped but the information was excellent.
- There as an announcement made today by EECD about preschools that is very positive news
- French Immersion Registration is open for the 2018-2019 year. Information was already sent home to parents and registration is on the district site.
- DEC Symposium is in Fredericton in May this year. Kimberley encouraged our PSSC members to apply to go.
- The DEC is considering adopting an LGBTQ+ rights policy that was created by the provincial DEC Chairs committee and already adopted by two other districts. Kimberley is hoping that progress will be made to have a policy in place in ASD-W soon.

Set date for next meeting

- February 20th, 2018

Adjournment: 6:55 pm