



SCHOOL NAME: Nashwaak Valley School

Address: 747 Route 628 Durham Bridge

Parent School Support Committee

Minutes

Date: November 7, 2017 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Nashwaak Valley School

<p>PSSC Members Present: Mike Gallagher - Chair Laurel Taylor - Vice Chair Jenna Esligar - Teacher Rep. Others – Nicole Estey-Biggar</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets:</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart - Principal No DEC member present</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</p>
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Call to order – 6:05

Approval of the Agenda:

- Tracy shared School Vision & Mission / School Motto – essence of this: 21st century skills, caring and effective learning environment. Our goal as a staff will be to become more explicit with all staff and students on what all of the components of our school motto “We Care” look like within our school.
- School review this year – The district is revising the framework of the district school review and EECD is looking at improving the School Improvement Framework. The review process is meant to be a reflective process and an opportunity for growth. Results of our review should guide our School Improvement Planning over the next few years. Tracy generally discussed:
 - o The Indicators and criteria for schools to meet.
 - o That Staff rate themselves and people on the review team work with staff in setting new goals.
 - o Outside Team may ask PSSC / Home & School to provide feedback and review team may also meet with students to get a full picture of the school and the perception of all those involved in our school.
- Tracy suggested that the PSSC budget be used to pay for Synervoice and NVS Thank you cards. Agreement was reached and supported the use of the budget on these items.
- School Improvement Plan- SIP – Plan is at the beginning of a 3 year cycle.
 - o Overall Goal: Teach strategies to students to improve their accountability to their own learning (academically and social-emotional, behaviora).

- One strategy – Improve teaching of Mental Math strategies (Teacher sharing best practices during PLC and staff meetings)
- Goals also target student writing in the creation of a school-wide writing continuum
- SIP is on the school website and will be used to guide our progress as we work toward these goals.
- Positive Learning and Working Environment Plan - PLWEP
 - Strategies to self-regulate, identify zones and strategies to get to and stay in a zone they learn in best, with also a focus on mindfulness
 - Staff are working toward building resiliency in themselves and students
 - Professional learning work toward a growth mid-set.
- School Policy
 - Nuts and peanuts / Allergies
 - Want to ensure clarity on school policy around this
 - Notice to go to parents and community from PSSC about our policy at beginning of each year.
 - Head lice policy
 - PSSC agrees there should be a consistent message with handouts of prevention along with a policy to address head lice.
 - Mrs. Stewart will address both issues and will bring the draft policy to the next PSSC meeting for feedback.

Set date for next meeting

- January 9th, 2018

Adjournment:

- 6:55pm