



**Park Street Elementary School
Fredericton
Parent School Support Committee
Minutes**

April 5, 2017 at 7pm

Park Street School Library

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| PSSC Members Present: Jeff Beairsto, Chair Julie Peterson Tanya Carr Krista Ross, Teacher Rep. | School/DEC Representation Present: Rien Meesters, Principal |
| PSSC Members Regrets: Katie Lenihan Jill Dickinson Olwyn Klinker | School/DEC Representation Regrets: Tracy Stewart, Vice-Principal |

Call to Order:
7:00pm

Approval of the Agenda:
Approved by consensus with striking the after school enrichment program and Chinese program and adding “flexible math groups” to #5 Other Business.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:
Approved as circulated by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes:
None

New Business:

Principal’s Update:

School Brochure

The school brochure has gone to be printed. All children wrote a “Why do I love Park Street School” piece in both French and English classes. Of those, 7 were used on the back cover of the brochure. These were chosen by a group of teachers who narrowed down the submissions until there were 7 that would fit on the back cover. We purchased 500 copies, but are undecided yet about the distribution of the copies and what that looks like.

School Improvement Plan

Rien advised that we are currently finishing up year 3 of the 3 year planning cycle so the new planning sessions for the next 3 year cycle is beginning now. Park will focus on the personalized

learning plan and Rien gave us an outline of the 4 attributes of Personalized Learning Schools as a starting point for discussions in where the focus will lie for Park Street.

Park Street currently spend approximately \$8000 a year on their Dream Box subscription, so we are encouraging teachers to make sure they are using it so we can justify the expense. Tracy and Rien were introduced to a literacy and math program while in Baltimore called iready which is an option to perhaps explore if Dream Box is discontinued for whatever reason. It is an American company, but can be “Canadianized” with some collaboration with the company.

Update on Space Requirements

Currently the library renovation has been called off as it is not needed immediately. Next year Park will be ok for space as it stands now and the music room will get a full classroom back again. So for now, finding additional space has been put on the back burner. The district has yet to send teacher allotments for next year, but it is projected that there will be 3 FI Grade 1 classes and 1 English Grade 1 and a total of 9 FI classrooms and 11 English classrooms for next year. This, of course, is subject to change. It is predicted that there will be approximately 22 new FI classrooms next year throughout the district and they may have to use B contract teachers to fill the spaces.

Head Lice Policy

There was a parent/family upset with Park Street’s policy on head lice and the fact they were excluded from school until it was cleared up. They were invited to attend the meeting tonight, but declined. It was discovered that some schools have a live versus hatched nits policy or some have a different policy depending upon where the nits were found in the scalp. However, it was decided that because these detailed policies are so hard to manage and enforce and the expense (both time and financially) for clearing up an outbreak of lice is so high, our current policy will stand. It is next to impossible to tell if a nit is about to hatch and we can’t possibly expect teachers to watch each child and see. We all agreed that we see both sides of the argument, but the consensus was to keep the policy the same.

Other Business

None

Correspondence:

None

Closing Comments:

None

Date of Next Meeting:

May 17, 2017

Adjournment:

8pm

Jeff Beirsto
PSSC Chair

April 13, 2017
Date

Julie Peterson
PSSC Secretary

April 13, 2017
Date

