



**Park Street Elementary School
Fredericton
Parent School Support Committee
Minutes
May 17, 2017 at 7pm
Park Street School Library**

PSSC Members Present: Jeff Beairsto, Chair Julie Peterson Katie Lenihan Olwyn Klinker Jill Dickinson Krista Ross, Teacher Rep. PSSC Members Regrets: Tanya Carr	School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Vice-Principal School/DEC Representation Regrets: Rien Meesters, Principal
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Call to Order:
7:00pm

Approval of the Agenda:
Approved by consensus.

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 is complete and each member of the PSSC received a copy! It was also discussed that the brochure had already been put to use with a group of teachers from the Barbados visiting Park Street studying the fully inclusionary education system, they were each given a copy.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

As mentioned in previous meetings, we have just finished up year 3 of a 3 year cycle. The broad goal of this last plan was around students taking a greater responsibility for their learning. The new plan will also focus on this broad goal, with smaller goals including personalization, using technology to support personalization and other supporting topics. May 31 will be the last of the

series of meetings to focus on personalization and then these strategies will be integrated into the SIP. The final version of the SIP will be shared late fall 2017.

Staffing Plans

Staffing plans as required by the early French Immersion program is still up in the air. We do know that we should have 21 classrooms next year and 3 grade 1 FI and 1 English with maybe a split in there too, but the numbers keep moving. Music should be returning to her own classroom again. We will no doubt have a couple surplus teachers with the shift. B contract (permanent) teachers will be given priority and D contracts will have to reapply. This should all be firmed up within the coming months.

Other Business

Letter of Thanks

It was agreed that Jeff Beirsto will draft a letter of appreciation from the PSSC to the teachers of Park St. Tracy will put it in the teacher's lounge for all to see.

Pre and Post Math Testing

Olwyn asked that perhaps the teachers could send home the pre and post math tests to be signed and returned by the parents.

Snider Mountain (Grade 5's)

They are there now and everyone who wanted to go, went. There may need to be a formal policy around this event in the future, but we agreed to see how it went this year before making any decisions.

Profile of a 5th Grader

We agreed that the school brochure really sums it all up so no need to continue developing a profile as a group. We discussed what we could take on instead. Things like starting an education series for parents on things like mindfulness, technology, or other ways to support our children we discussed as potential options. We also explored options on ways to give back to our community with sessions on healthy lunches or other sessions where everyone in the area would be invited to attend.

Chartwell's

Olwyn brought up the topic that Chartwell's don't seem to have any vegetable options at the cafeteria at the moment, but Jeff seemed to recall some staples from being there that included vegetables. We will find out and report back.

Future Meeting Dates

We decided that there was really no need for another meeting this school year as we held our mandatory number of meetings as outlined by the district. If a need arises, Tracy or Rien will communicate that to us and we can plan from there.

Correspondence:

None

Closing Comments:

Tracy received a prestigious vice principal award and we wanted to recognize that achievement. She will be traveling to Saskatoon next week to receive this award in person at the annual conference. We are all very proud of her and didn't want the award to go without mention!

**Date of Next Meeting:
Fall 2017**

**Adjournment:
8pm**

**Jeff Beirsto
PSSC Chair**

**May 23, 2017
Date**

**Julie Peterson
PSSC Secretary**

**May 23, 2017
Date**