**Townsview School**

**122 Lewis P. Fisher Lane**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 14, 2018 Time: 6:30pm**

**Townsview School – Seminar Room**

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| **PSSC Members Present:**   * **Andrew Garnett - Chair** * **Lisa Dunlop - Vice Chair** * **Kristen Stephens - Secretary** * **Andrea Everett - Teacher Rep.**   **Others**   * **Anna Hamill** * **Heidi Horner** * **Pam Steeves** * **John Vail**   **PSSC Members Regrets:**   * **Kristen Stephens** * **Ligia Cavelho** * **Murray Lee** * **Garth McCrea** * **Paulett Ryan** * **Pam Steeves** | **School/DEC Representation Present:**   * **Heather Hogan – DEC Rep.** * **Pat Thorne – Principal** * **Steven Jones – Vice Principal**   **School/DEC Representation Regrets:**   * **Angela Ketch – Vice Principal**   **Others (Home & School Members)** |

**Call to Order – Chair**

* **Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:35pm**

**Approval of the Agenda:**

* **Moved by: Anna Hamill Seconded by: Lisa Dunlop**

**To accept the February 14, 2018 meeting agenda as presented.**

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

* **Moved by: Heidi Horner Seconded by: Anna Hamill**

**To accept the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

* **None**

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**Townsview School – PSSC Minutes**

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**New Business:**

* **DEC – PSSC Meeting**
* **The DEC Chair coordinated a meeting with all PSSC members who were able to attend. Andrew attended on our behalf – Andrew reported on the following points of discussion**
* **Policy 120 – it is the way we do business**
* **½ day PL**
* **Andrew indicated that no one spoke in favor this type of PL**
* **Attendance is an issue – more so at the high school**
* **Leaves families planning alternate means for child care**
* **FEC has Wednesday afternoons and OEC has Friday afternoons**
* **Indicated that it is a one year trial**
* **PSSC Safety of Kids (Speed Zones & Crossing Guard) are municipalities requested**
* **School Connect – the District now pays for all school**
* **SIP & PLWEP – various degrees of involvement – across the spectrum**
* **Clarification – the position of Acting Superintendent**
* **Memorials for Students / Staff**
* **No policy in place at this time**
* **Left for schools to decide in each of the communities**
* **DEC Remarks – Heather Hogan**
* **Conversations on LGBTQ Plus Inclusive – Heather was asking the members – is this an issue here at Townsivew, do we have concerns. She said the DEC is trying to figure where do they go from here**
* **GSA – dealing with a lot of parent unrest**
* **DEC looking to developing a policy to address LGBTQ community concerns**
* **One member stated that it differs within each of our cultures of our community versus visibility**
* **Parenting in a Digital World – power point presentation**
* **Has it been shared with each of the schools to be posted onto each of the schools website**
* **The video presentation is there – looking for the power point presentation**
* **The importance of continuing the education piece of our students, staff, parents & other stakeholders**
* **SaferSchoolsTogether.com**
* **Home & School Update – Anna Hamill**
* **Looking to host a Family Fun Day with yard sale – Saturday, April 28, 2018**
* **In support of a fence that has to be installed around the basketball court in the upper playground**
* **Staff Appreciation Week – they have some volunteers who are providing sweets and treats for all staff members. The H&S is hosting daily draws for staff – one prize awarded each day**
* **The admin truly thanked the efforts of the H&S in support of all staff. They had a small crew but they made the Townsview staff feel like Kings and Queens. Thank You**

* **PLWEP – Updated as of January 30, 2018**
* **Steve presented an overview to the PSSC members**
* **Steve said the committee has worked to simplify the goals of the PLWEP**
* **Asked if they had anything to add or do they have any questions**
* **DEC Spring Symposium - Connecting with Community (May 4-6, 2018) Crowne Plaza**
* **Names have been all accepted and they are now operating with a wait list**

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* **PSSTWorld**
* **ASD- W has launched a new website tip line this past Monday, February. 5th. It is a partnership with**

**PSSTWorld - the *PSSTWorld* program is based on a proven 5-year pilot project designed**

**by international safety expert, Theresa Campbell, in Surrey, BC.**

* **The program encourages student participation as a core factor in the improvement of**

**school safety and culture.**

* **To become familiar with the *PSSTWorld* program, please visit:** [**http://psstworld.com/about-us**](http://psstworld.com/about-us)**.**
* **At the site, students have a popularized venue to report safety concerns—whether seen, heard or**

**experienced—directly & anonymously to school district safety staff.**

* **Tips and reports regarding bullying, cyberbullying, abuse, sex/drug/weapons/gang crime, suicidal**

**thoughts,  vandalism and even potential for school attack are sent directly to district safety officials.**

* **The result is an improved potential for early conflict prevention, intervention and efficient resolution.**
* **Bystander and victimized students are empowered to act. Student offenders are deterred. Students,**

**staff, administration and caregivers now have a safe (anonymous, if necessary), organized and**

**popularized mode of action for reporting dangerous school incidents and concerns.**

* **Speak to your children about the importance of respecting themselves and others. Make sure to**

**explain the key difference between “telling” and “tattling” and the purpose of the tool is to get**

**themselves or their friends OUT of trouble and not IN to trouble. Encourage your kids to talk to you**

**about problems at school and be sure that they know they can now easily report safety**

**concerns.  Together, we can minimize all forms of bullying, abuse and violence in our schools.**

* **School Update**
* **Our International Family – Welcoming Newcomers**
* **Like to ask the H&S for assistance in forming some sort of parent welcoming committee to help introduce our new parents to our school community**
* **We just added two more flags to our Flag signage – Serbia & Brazil**
* **Olympic Week Celebration**
* **Parade of Flags of countries participating in the Olympics**
* **We have outside and inside activities planned**
* **We hosted a K-8 academic round robin**
* **Winter Carnival Celebration**
* **Plans are in the works to celebrate Winter Carnival**
* **Health Promoting Schools - Wellness Based Activities**
* **Smoothie Day**
* **Wellness Morning – 20 guest presenters**
* **Yoga & Dance at noon hour – every Friday**
* **Wellness Network donated $500.00 to Townsview in support of mindfulness**
* **Writer’s In Workshop**
* **We had students from K-8 participate this time – went well**
* **Book Fair**
* **Being held in conjunction with our parent-teacher interviews**
* **Meduxnekeag Projects**
* **Our K-5 classes will be participating**
* **We will have someone from Meduxnekeag come and do a presentation to all classes to explain the expectations and to show samples of projects that students can do**
* **Heritage Fair Projects**
* **Some of our classes at the middle school participated in the school based Heritage Fair**

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* **The Learning Partnership – Entrepreneurial Program**
* **Is up and running once again this year – the showcase date has not been selected**
* **STEM (Focus - Science, Technology & Math) Projects**
* **Going to offer for some of our classes to go up to visit the STEM Showcase which is be held at the Ayr Motor Civic Center. Some of our classes are doing a science fair project. Good way to try to incorporate some STEM projects as well**
* **K-2 Maker Space Lab – Literacy based**
* **This is a new initiative that our K-2 teachers are undertaking, it is way for students to build something and write about what they build. Combining hands on learning with literacy skills**
* **Crabbe Mountain Ski Program – Middle School Students**
* **Elementary Drama Production – Little Red Riding Hood**
* **The public show will take place Monday, April 9th at 7:00pm – donations at the door**
* **The drama group will be participating in the District Drama being held at WHS**
* **Sherri Fitch coming for a visit**
* **She will be doing presentations to all K-8 students**
* **2nd Annual WE Act Variety Show – taking place March 22, 2018**
* **Administration is looking into having WIFI for the middle school students – Steve working with Bryan Facey**
* **WE Day – Saint John**
* **We will be having some students and staff participating in this event**

**Correspondence:**

* **None**

**Closing Comments:**

* **PSSC acknowledged that lots is happening at Townsview – Andrew thanked the members and Heather for coming out tonight.**

**Date of Next Meeting:**

* **Wednesday, April 4, 2018 – 6:30pm at Townsview School Seminar Room**

**Adjournment:**

* **Moved by John Vail to adjourn February 14, 2018 PSSC meeting.**

**Andrew Garnett February 14, 2018**

**PSSC Chair Date**

**Kristen Stephens (Pat Thorne on behalf) February 14, 2018**

**PSSC Secretary Date**