John Caldwell School
PSSC Minutes
Date: September 23, 2015

School Vision: “To foster a community that encourages our youth to dream, believe and achieve within a 21st century world.”

School Mission: “JCS is a learning community that encourages success for all in a caring, challenging, supportive and safe environment.”

Members in Attendance:

Michelle Ouellette (Chairperson)
Otani Hansen
Michelle Dixon
Robin Daley (Vice-Chairperson)
Irma Mulherin
Gabriel Beaulieu (Student Representative)
Crista Sprague (Principal)
Melessa Moreau-Perley
Barb Morin
Marcelle Theriault-Michaud (Vice-Principal)
Darlene Gallant (Teacher Representative)

1. Call to order- Michelle Ouellette called the meeting to order at 6:55pm.
2. Approval of the agenda moved by Irma Mulherin and seconded by Barb Morin
3. Introductions
   - Members-all members introduced themselves
   - Principal- Mrs. Crista Sprague introduced herself to the members.
4. Set meeting norms- for next meeting we will have individual copies of the PSSC Handbook for all members. Norms will be set at that time.
5. Review role of PSSC- the role of the PSSC will be reviewed at the next meeting once everyone has reviewed the PSSC Handbook.

6. Principal’s 5-year plan- Crista Sprague showed a power point presentation on her 5 year plan for John Caldwell School.

7. Provincial 10-year plan- Crista Sprague introduced the members to the Provincial 10 year plan and what it means to us.
   - Question #1- What is working well within the current education system in New Brunswick?
     - Bilingualism and having an immersion program
     - Bussing works- including the single run drop offs in the afternoon
     - School readiness program
     - Breakfast program
     - Keeping like grade levels gathered and different levels separated
   - Question #2- What is your vision of the future state of the education system in New Brunswick in 10 years from now?
     - Students across the province assessed and evaluated on same criteria which is reported in the same manner. It should not matter which language system students are in the criteria and reporting would be the same.
     - More technology in our schools.
     - Bring back the trades training courses.
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- Community partnerships to help student get experience in the job fields.
- Instead of dividing students by age having them divided by ability level.
- Courses that are offered at the secondary level should not be dependent on the school population or number of teachers within the school.
- Students in all schools would be prepared at the same level for University courses.
- Curriculum outcomes need to be delivered with consistency across the province.

- Question #3- How can we reach your vision-what actions need to be implemented?
  - Standardizing curriculum implementation and delivery.
  - Standardizing assessment and evaluation.
  - Standardizing reporting systems.
  - To work as a provincial education system rather than a francophone system and an Anglophone system.

8. Correspondence- No correspondence at this time.

9. Principal’s Report

- School profile- Crista Sprague presented the school profile including student population and demographics, teacher population, administration population, guidance population, methods and resource population, office staff, educational assistants, cafeteria staff, librarian hours, custodial population.
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Computers have been added to techno site and another computer lab has been created. We have 2 gymnasiums that are used as learning areas.

- School Improvement Plan- the School Improvement Plan will be reviewed and a new draft will be presented to the PSSC members at the next PSSC meeting.
- Assessment results- results are still under embargo.

10. Playground Update- Marcelle Theriault-Michaud gave the members an update on current progress with fundraising. Plans for the actual playground will depend on the amount of money raised. We are reaching out to the community for assistance with funds and ideas.

11. Power School Pilot- Crista Sprague gave an update on how the parent portion of the power school program will be piloted at our school. Further updates will be given as more information is obtained. Further discussion will take place at the next PSSC meeting.

12. PSSC Budget- Crista Sprague reviewed the proper options for the spending of the PSSC budget. Decisions on spending would be made after receiving the budget balance.

13. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the John Caldwell School Library.


Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Gallant