

SCHOOL NAME: Keswick Valley Memorial School Address: 20 Route 617, Burtts Corner NB, E6L 2X3 Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Apr 11, 2022 Time: 6:30pm Location: KVMS

PSSC Members Present:

Michelle Roy, Chair

Others,

Megan Foreman Helena McCann

Maxine Brewer, Teacher Rep.

PSSC Members Regrets: Kristy Brewer, Vice Chair

Margie Cummings, Community member

School/DEC Representation Present:

Jaime Foster-Stewart, Principal

Brett Black, Vice Principal

School/DEC Representation Regrets:

Tanya Cloutier, DEC

Call to Order: Jaime Foster-Stewart 6:32 pm

Approval of the Agenda: Michelle Roy

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Helena McCann

Business Arising from the Minutes: None

New Business:

- School environment now that Covid restrictions are lifted – slowly progressing to our new normal. Some students continue to mask, but majority are excited to not. Excited to see their friends now that we can use our cafeteria again. Middle level dance planning is underway – first dance in 2 years. Our first in person school assembly in 2 years was able to take place and the kids loved it, especially the younger ones who had yet to experience one. Sports in general have opened up, allowing spectators, etc. Field trips plans are happening for end of year. Our makerspace is in full swing – kids have been practicing coding skills using robots. Grade 8 celebration planning underway.

- Ongoing need for technology some new IPads and laptops have been purchased recently
- Breakfast program is up and running, but could use more volunteers. A lot of our volunteer's pre-Covid were elderly and are not comfortable returning just yet, which is understandable. Could use more help 7:15 am 8:00 am each day?
- KVMS Facebook Page looking to be more active. Mention of setting up pre-planned posts that can be created in advance to keep the page active.
- Some changes coming to DEC. There is a meeting April 21 for DEC members and Tanya would like to meet with PSSC after this to discuss the meeting and changes. PSSC members to review document provided by Tanya and prepare any questions we may have in advance of this meeting. Meeting likely to take place over teams.
- SIP update. Jaime ran us through the updates and the monitoring plan moving forward. Continuing to implement positive conflict resolution strategies, but has been slowed due to covid disruptions. Continuing to explore both school-wide and grade level initiatives.
- Parent discussion around our younger students and some inappropriate behaviors beginning to trend. Some students copying/mimicking inappropriate things they are seeing online (tik tok, etc) and being too young to even understand it is inappropriate. Discussion of how we can potentially mitigate these new challenges. At the school level, teachers are limited and the discussions really need to be happening at home where the children are gaining access to all of this information. Children are exposed to so much more and at a younger age with all the technology that is available. Some parent concern over whether current school curriculum is keeping up with the fast paced changes of technology and could we be doing more to teach about internet safety and consequences, and potentially teaching health education at a younger age.

Closing Comments:

Report card out and parent teacher meeting this week.

Date of Next Meeting(s): to be decided

Adjournment: Megan Foreman 7:34 pm