

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

Date: Jan 12, 2022 Time: 6:30pm Location: online – teams meeting

PSSC Members Present:

Michelle Roy, Chair

Others,

Megan Foreman Helena McCann

Maxine Brewer, Teacher Rep.

Margie Cummings, Community member

PSSC Members Regrets: Kristy Brewer, Vice Chair **School/DEC Representation Present:**

Jaime Foster-Stewart, Principal

Brett Black, Vice Principal

Tanya Cloutier, DEC

School/DEC Representation Regrets:

Call to Order: Megan Foreman 6:33 pm

Approval of the Agenda: Helena McCann

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Michelle Roy

Business Arising from the Minutes:

New Business:

- SIP update. Jaime ran us through the updates and the monitoring plan moving forward.
 - Student surveys some completed before Christmas break and will be analyzed to determine progress.
 - O Discussion around goals for the school as a whole and the specific goals for each age group (K-2, 3-5, 6-8). Implementing empowering minds program, revisit zones program, conflict vs bullying and conflict regulation, mindful activities. Plan to define and co-construct criteria for both conflict and bullying to promote

- understanding using student friendly language. Margie suggested this be sent out to parents as well.
- Weekly/biweekly meetings for monitoring updates have been taking place. It's noted that in all grades there has been a dramatic reduction in conflict (56% decrease in red and yellow slips Sept Dec 2021 vs same period in the prior year). Hallways and classrooms are calmer. Our K-2's especially are improving with naming their emotions (I am frustrated, etc).
- Middle level students were able to cash in their points recently from the new points program that was implemented. Great response, students are rewarded for various positive behaviors. As the program develops students are seeing other students get rewarded and the incentive is on for all around positive behaviors.
- Update from Jaime on school raised funds:
 - Breakfast program: currently \$1,536. Received a \$1,000 donation from Farm credit Canada. Jaime and Tanya have been working to get in touch with Mla's, LSD's etc to discuss programs or assistance that may be available to support the program.
 - o Exploratory \$690 for makerspace project
 - Fundraising general was \$21K, now approx. \$1K. Mostly funded by the lions club donation we received and was used towards updating and purchasing technology. Computers, Ipads, cases, smart Tv.
 - o Grade 8 farewell \$1,674. Have not been able to do much here due to Covid restrictions.
 - o Technology \$4,592 will be replacing outdated technology.
 - WE day \$608 no longer taking place due to Covid. Funds will be distributed to other programs/clubs
 - O Phys ed \$0. Funds are needed to replace equipment. Sport balls in particular, the disinfecting spray that has been used the last two years is really wearing them out. Michelle asked if there was a target # for this as now may be a good time to ask businesses for funding. New year so they may have a new marketing budget and be willing to support. Brett to take inventory and compile a list of what is needed.

Closing Comments:

The move to online learning is not ideal, but is seemingly going ok for the most part. Comments from a couple parents indicating their children were well prepared by their teachers for this which has been really helpful, especially for working parents. Our teaching staff have been very understanding with their student families and creative in ways to design their lesson plans and instruction. Lots of collaboration with our teaching staff and gaining more confidence in technology and online platforms. Big thank you for all.

Date of Next Meeting(s): to be decided

Adjournment: Megan Foreman 7:22 pm