

McAdam Avenue School

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PSSC Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 March 2023 6:30PM

In attendance: Ashley Murray, Christie Jordan, Terri MacDonald, Becky Dubay, Katimah Qutah, Stacey Willis, Amanda Knight (virtually). See below for guests for the new school discussion.
Regrets: Gillian Allison, Kristelle Morgan, Jacinda Greer

This meeting was called to order: In-person by: Becky. Seconded by Ashley.

Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes: Terri. Seconded by Becky.

PSSC Co-Chair's report: Deferred. Special meeting with Dr. David McTimoney, Superintendent; Darla Day, Director of Schools; Nadine Peter, Assistant Manager, Finance & Administration, Facilities; District Education Council Representation; Jason Burns, Acting Principal, Nashwaaksis Memorial; Erica Fournier, Acting Vice Principal, Nashwaaksis Memorial, Mr. Collet

Ashley Presented questions about the new school as submitted by the Home and School and members of the school community. Items that were discussed are as follows: bussing/transportation, crossing guards, K-2 extended day, demolition, space at NMES, NMES Principal next year, brief overview of the new school, staffing at NMES.

- Transportation is working on which streets to include in bussing to NMES and hope to have as soon as possible. Will practice the routes.
- Crossing guards are municipal responsibility, however, District will work with the City; safety is a priority.
- Not sure if the K-2 will have an extended day at NMES. Instructional hours are part of the pending contract negotiations.
- Demolition; nothing will be happening that will impact the building. Equipment may be moved in beforehand. School will be passed on to District at the end of June. Nadine will communicate with Christie and Christie to MAS families. Mr. McTimoney apologized for the demolition of the outdoor classroom. There will be an outdoor learning environment at the new school. Fence along the trail will not be touched unless necessary; will be pushed as late as possible into the demo/construction process.
- Jason Burns shared a map of NMES and spoke briefly about the space. At this time, anticipate that there will be enough room to maintain the library and STEM rooms. Space is available for a nap room. Space allocations can change when the new Principal begins.
- Jackie Hay will be the Principal at NMES next year.
- New school being built to accommodate 530 students, with 27 classrooms. Space for music, two gyms, resource rooms, calming room, cafeteria, stage, staff work area, art room, School Counselor space.
- There is a process for staffing re: teachers and EAs. Collective Agreements and appropriate staffing processes will be used. Should know about teachers at the end of April, early May.

- Open house for MAS will be planned.

Treasurer's Report: \$0.00

Principal's Report: Christie

1. Visit from Mr. David McTimoney; see above
2. SIP – updates on each of the goals; done together with staff
Math - book study; continuing “Math Mindsets”
Diversity - upcoming dates/events, Black History Month, Kindness Month
March 21 – Down Syndrome Special Sock Day; will be an assembly in the morning
March 27 – Wear purple for World Purple Day for epilepsy; **Christy to get Purple Shirt Stickers** for those who don't have a purple shirt for Epilepsy day
Discussed a school-wide activity to celebrate the diversity in our school; Flag day (June 14), Cultural Day, food fair, use a map to mark where people are from
Books on diversity available to sign out by families
3. Instruction
Science of Reading/EGLA professional learning
Literacy and Lattes April 19
Purchase of more decodable readers. Discussed Building Blocks of Reading
Intergenerational Opportunity; grade 4-5 class participating in “Better Together” initiative.
4. Enrolment – down to 78 students
5. French Immersion registration – registration opens March 22. District to send information.
6. Open House – discussed ideas for Open House at the end of the year. District to cover the cost of lite refreshments. Possibly do on a Wednesday afternoon; 1PM to 4 or 5PM? **Contact Jennifer Read, Communications**

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00PM

Next Meeting: 19 April, 31 May

Minutes by: Stacey Willis