



## Meduxnekeag Consolidated School Parent School Support Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: October 6, 2020**

<p><b><u>PSSC Members:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor Bobarnac</li> <li>• Candace Browne</li> <li>• Alison Orr</li> <li>• Julia Kennedy, Teacher Rep</li> <li>• Stephanie Grant</li> <li>• Kaitee Stairs</li> <li>• Ean Bolger, Student Rep</li> </ul> <p><b><u>PSSC Members Regrets:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Richardson</li> <li>• Trudi Cummings</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>School/DEC Representation Present:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crista Sprague, Principal</li> <li>• Terri Mahoney-Walker, Vice Principal</li> <li>• Heather Hogan, DEC</li> </ul> <p><b><u>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Others</u></b></p>
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1. Call to Order – Crista called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. New members were introduced.

2. Heather Hogan (District Education Council Representative) gave an overview of the role of a PSSC member.

- PSSC is a bridge between parents and the school
- Advise the principal with the School Improvement Plan
- Have a small budget for communication
- The principal may present issues to members of the PSSC to understand how the community may react to certain policies.
- Be positive on Social Media – as a PSSC member you have a professional responsibility to behave accordingly. Also, you may receive information prior to the regular community or whole parent body such as data or assessment results. They are to be kept confidential.

Areas PSSC is not involved in:

- Fundraising
- Carrying individual complaints to the principal or PSSC meeting
- Deal with operational issues

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Heather's Role:

- Representative of the District
- Takes concerns to the District Level
- Advises the Superintendent
- As a Council they review District policies

3. Election of Officers

Secretary – Alison Orr  
Chair – Victor Bobarnac  
Vice Chair – Candace Browse

4. Approval of the Agenda:

- ✚ Moved by Candace Browse
- ✚ Seconded by Stephanie Grant
- All in Favor
- Motion Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting – January 22, 2020 with amendments

- ✚ Moved by Stephanie Grant
- ✚ Seconded by Candace Browse
- All in Favor
- Motion Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- ✚ School Communication
  - Email addresses associated with the District for PSSC Members
  - Should the School/PSSC have a Facebook Page? – Discussion about Facebook leaving too much room for arguments and clashes. Victor suggested a closed system that doesn't allow comments. Crista explained that according to District, schools must remove items that are divisive.
  - The school relies on the Home and School Facebook page. Candance commented that she enjoys the parental interaction although sometimes people stir the pot.
  - Victor voiced that he would like to see a positive communication arena.
  - Terri described that we have a Youtube Channel, encourage direct emails, phone calls, school messenger, notices home (school and classroom Newsletters).
  - Heather suggested a section of the monthly newsletters be allotted for a message from PSSC.

7. School Profile

- ✚ Crista gave the school profile:
  - 50.6 teachers
  - 15 teachers are on a 1 year contract

- 618 students
- 229 are in French Immersion
- 18 Educational Assistants
- 3 First Nation Support

8. Covid Operational Plan – Crista reviewed the plan in order to get feedback from PSSC before it went public. Julia Kennedy shared that students are adapting well. A new resource was purchased called “Character Strong” to meet student’s social and emotional needs. This occurs during homeroom class for all students K-8 in the first 30 mins of the day. For example, the October skills are empathy and perseverance.
9. Communication – Report Cards have changed a bit. A series of videos will be provided to parents.
9. School Improvement Plan – Crista shared the School Improvement Plan
10. First Nation Strategic Action Plan – Crista discussed the First Nation Strategic Plan. There has been no meeting planned to date with the stakeholders. The new Director of Education is Michael Paul. Hopefully a draft will be prepared for the next meeting.
11. Correspondence – no correspondence.
12. PSSC Budget - \$1999.00 – Some suggestions were to help buy a new laminator for the school. They cost about \$6000.00 so it would be a cost share. Page 14 of the PSSC Handbook describes how the money can be spent. Members are asked to come to the November meeting with ideas.
13. Next meeting: November 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm
14. Candace Browse moved for the meeting to be adjourned.

Bobarnac Victor  
**PSSC Chair**

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**PSSC Secretary**

23/02/2021  
**Date**

Feb 23, 2021  
**Date**