**Summerhill Street Elementary School**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Agenda**

**Date**: May 11, 2021 **Time**: 6:30 P.M.

**Location**: Virtual TEAMS

**In Attendance:**

Shannon Atherton

Kate O’Rourke

Jon DeYoung

Dwayne Prest

Anita Curran

Sheila Morgan

Thomas Geburt

Melissa Walcott

Angela Lamey Jackson

Christie Jordan

Ariana Murissi

**Regrets:**

Rhonda Morrow

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mrs. Atherton

**Welcome:**

This is our final PSSC for the 2020-2021 school year. All our meetings have been held virtually. Thank you for your patience with these meetings in our different format.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Approval of the agenda moved by Angie

Seconded by Jon DeYoung

Addition to the minutes:

Mention of the PSSC members who will be moving on from this year’s PSSC

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting, April 13, 2021**

Approval of the minutes moved by Jon DeYoung

Seconded by Melissa Walcott

Addition of Ariana Murissi to the minutes – name was not included in attendance

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**New Business:**

1. **Outdoor Beautification Update**

Since our April meeting, there has been some progress made. The goal has been to create an outdoor classroom and students will make contributions to the area by our Summerhill sign and at the entrance. We have made some differences to our outdoor space. Maintenance personnel helped to clear out some brush and a natural trail was created. There are 2 exits and this has created a shelter space. A donation has been made from Marwood and cedar chips will be added to the trail. They will also donate stumps for alternate seating. Mrs. Jordan has also secured seating/benches. A student is helping with the design – layout of the space. A sign-up sheet/class will be created for teachers to sign up their classroom bubble. It is not accessible for recess as it is not part of our play area. The beautification out front will take a little more time. We raised $1600 by selling popcorn and we have had parents make donations through School Cash online $70.

Some class suggestions/responsibilities:

* Rock garden – crushed rocks and painted rocks by classes
* Plant marigolds
* Plant specific pollinators
* Planters for the entrance and the space outside the front door

Our Summerhill sign will be replaced by a new one and this has been ordered through the district. We will also get 2 new Summerhill signs for the side of the building and we will have a new sign with our motto at the front entrance when people enter the building.

2) **Our School Survey**

Our School survey did change as this national survey had a reduced number of questions. There was still a section on bullying.

Summerhill School results were changed slightly from 2 years ago. Our school was compared to Canadian norms (the norms were not from this year on the survey). The Grade 4 students results were slightly lower than Grade 5 results in the area of sense of belonging. There were higher rates of bullying noticed among Grade 4 students.

There were 67 Grade 4 students surveyed and 90 Grade 5 students. This data reflects a Covid year with no clubs, no sports, extra-curricular, so the sense of belonging results were still quite good considering it has been a different year for students.

**The highlights – survey results attached:**

High sense of belonging

Rigor ranked 8.5/10

Bullying 32% to moderate/severe bullying in the last month

The grade 4 students seem to be a group to watch for next year because their results were lower than the Grade 5 students and the Canadian norm.

The students have the opportunity at the end of the survey to write open ended comments – 130 comments were written. No students reported being directly bullied in their individual comments. We discussed there being a marked difference between bullying and conflict. As a school, we are working on a Weekly Wellness series to help support social emotional learning. A WITS presentation will be part of this to help students understand the difference between bullying and conflict.

There are many questions that center around student safety with specific questions about the pandemic this year on the survey. Students were asked to express how they feel about the impact of Covid-19.

Open ended questions that students could respond to – lots of very positive responses:

What do you like about your school? If you could change one thing about our school?

Our school-based survey has 5 questions that pertain to safety and sense of belonging and we will continue to investigate the data from Our School survey.

3) **Discussion about FI support**

The question was raised: Can the PSSC help with supporting FI students during this Covid year due to the fact students missed time last year and direct instruction in French? Does Summerhill have the supports in place to help teachers/students? Can the PSSC help advocate for more support? Mrs. Atherton and Mrs. O’Rourke have discussed this together and Mrs. Atherton reached out to the French Second Language Subject Coordinator (Mme. Desveaux) and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction (Ms. Kay) for suggestions and point of contact. This year, we followed an operational plan which meant that fewer people could come to our building to offer support directly to students. However, there were changes made to class sizes as they have been smaller. Classroom teachers can reach out to the FI lead and the curriculum was prioritized to help support student needs and recognize that students were away from the classroom in March of last year. The question was raised about what could our approach/direction be – should this be brought up next year after the school year has started to see what the situation is like then? The committee decided that we could reassess and wait and see what next year brings. Mrs. Atherton is more than willing to reach out to the proper specialists next year and see what resources can be provided to FI student based on what staffing will look like. Next year will likely see some changes.

4) Who will remain on our PSSC for next year? Thank you to the members who will be leaving:

Anita Curran will remain

Dwyane Prest will be leaving our PSSC next year and supporting HP and OHS

Ariana Murissi will remain

Angie Jackson will be leaving our PSSC next year and supporting HP

Jon DeYoung will be leaving our PSSC

Melissa Walcott will be taking a year break but will return

Kate O’Rourke will remain

Rhonda Morrow will be leaving our PSSC

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence

**Closing Comments:**

Thank all members for joining the PSSC virtually this year! It has been a pleasure working with all of you and thank you for your time, positivity and productive feedback.

Minutes will be sent out to all members and in our upcoming newsletters, we will invite new parents to join our PSSC

**Date of Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items: This is the last meeting**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Meeting adjourned at Anita Curran

Seconded by Angie Lamey Jackson