**Summerhill Street Elementary School**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Agenda**

**Date**: November 6, 2019 **Time**: 6:30 P.M.

**Location**: Summerhill Street Elementary School, Board Room

**Attendance:**Dwayne Prest

Shannon Atherton

Thomas Geburt DEC representative

Angela Lamey-Jackson

Rhonda Morrow

Jessica Hachey

Melissa Walcott

Ariana Murissi

Shala McNeill

Paula Reed

Sheila Morgan

**Regrets:**

Christie Jordan

Colleen Foreman

Jon DeYoung

**Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:28 pm**

**Welcome:** Dwayne Prest Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**With additions: letter to the town for sidewalk, transportation round table, donate button for online cash**

Melissa Walcott motion to approve agenda

Seconded by Jessica Hachey

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting, October 3, 2018:**

With the following change to closing comments – the sustainability study for Oromocto schools has been postponed and decision will be made by the new DEC. It is mentioned in the minutes that the meeting will take place in year and this may change.

Motion to approve minutes with the change noted above Ariana Murissi

Seconded by Rhonda Morrow

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Mrs. Myrie has phoned around to different schools about adding the donate button on to School Cash online. Our school has received many grants for our breakfast for learning and Healthy Learners program so we are in a good place financially. We will postpone adding the option to donate for now.

A letter to the Town was written by the Chair to thank them for the sidewalk and was circulated and members were asked to edit and review. It was raised that we need to change the way we need to address the Mayor. We will change the title to His Worship Mayor Powell. The letter will be emailed to Mrs. Myrie and it will be put on our school letterhead.

**New Business:**

1. Summerhill SIP and PLEP Plan

Each meeting we will provide progress notes on our SIP and PLEP plan. The plan is front and center and driving what we do here at Summerhill. Our PL is focused on our School Improvement Plan.

**Some progress notes include:**

Our goals have stayed the same on the SIP. Reading engagement is our first goal and we have a lot of data from students on reading engagement (OUR school data, running records, whole-school survey). In our own school based survey we increased from 6.7 to 7.3% in the question, “If I could rate how I feel about reading..” and this is for all students in Grades 3-5. We have a focus group of teachers who work on this goal and all staff are involved in moving students forward with respect to reading engagement. We have a lot of PL happening in our school for teachers and students. Book clubs for students and teachers are happening, students are doing book talks, we have mystery readers coming to visit classes and we are working on helping students view themselves as “readers.”

Science Engagement is our second goal. The most challenging aspect for SIP goals is finding the data. There is a difference between achievement vs. engagement. We want students to be engaged in science. We want students to find something in Science that they enjoy and find themselves as inquiry based learners. We have baseline data from November and our school average on the question, “How I feel about Science..” is 7.3%. This is baseline data that will be collected in each term to see how students are excited and engaged in Science. The data from last year and this year is very close to being the same so there is room to improve. Teachers are part of the focus group and we have made a lot of progress in our STEAM room. We need the Tech team to come in to support the technology. All Science materials have been moved to the STEAM room. Mrs. Atherton has applied for Tools in Schools grant. We need to get teachers and students down in the STEAM room to do some hands on investigations.

Goal three is our PLEWP goal and student playground data is recorded and reviewed by Mrs. Atherton as part of this goal. We had 37 incidents in September and 37 incidents in October – we are focusing on being a PBIS school. The Star Slips are now going home so parents can see progress. We have assemblies to showcase our school motto of “Respect, Responsibility and Safety.” We have our school walking challenge.

There are a lot of positive things happening at our school to support our three SIP goals.

1. Provincial Assessment results

The results for all schools in our province have been posted on the DOE website. Members had time to review and pose questions. What is the value of the data presented? It is one measure of how the students are progressing based on provincial data. Mrs. Atherton is pleased that Science is one of our SIP goals to help support Science improvement at Summerhill.

1. Thomas Geburt – Education Summit

The Green Paper is the new direction for the current government (it is a laying out of ideas that the government would like to pursue to move NB students out of the industrial era). The official document will actually be white paper once fully implemented over several years. There are 27 action items and 7 idea items in the document. By the next school year, for interested schools, there will be no grade levels at the K-2 level (collapsing the grade levels at K-2). The Green paper states that within all 5 years all K-2 schools will collapse grade levels. This action will move forward to all grade levels eventually. The Education Summit had many presenters with varied backgrounds at the summit with topics ranging from being an entrepreneur to early childhood development. Panel discussions also held. The 3rd day was a world café and participants had the opportunity to socialize/ask questions with people around the room. Mr. Geburt encouraged PSSC members to email Mr. Cardy if we have any questions/concerns about the Green Paper document. Mr. Cardy will be hosting various town halls and parents are encouraged to attend.

1. Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter is being sent home via email or a hard copy can be provided to families. Mrs. Atherton has added a PSSC section for families to see/review. It was recommended that a suggestion/link be placed in the PSSC section for parents to read/review the Green Paper? Mrs. Atherton will investigate this option.

1. Communication system – Messenger

Mrs. Atherton asked if everyone was ok with the email/text option via school messenger. Members seemed to enjoy receiving the school correspondence.

**Correspondence:**

* Transportation round table Town Hall meeting will be held on November 27th at Nashwaaksis Middle School. All parents from the whole district are invited to attend.
* Email from DEC about presentations/training – DEC training can be provided if PSSC request it. All members have a copy of the DEC Handbook and the Powerpoint presentation was reviewed at the October meeting.

**Closing Comments:**

No further comments

**Date of Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items:**

The Chair and Mrs. Atherton will accept agenda items for upcoming meetings via email

Date set for December 4, 2019 at 6:30pm

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Rhonda Morrow

Seconded by Angela Lamey Jackson

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm