

Woodstock Middle School - PSSC Meeting  
Monday, April 14, 2014

In Attendance :

- Pat Thorne
- Andrea Everett
- Tammy Orlando
- Jennifer Burpee
- Joanne Lenehan
- Mark Dykeman
- John Slipp
- Angie Godin
- Michelle Nowlan
- Lynette Smith Emberly

Absent:

- Steven Jones
- Andrew Garnett

Agenda & Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome Remarks - Mark
2. DEC Update - John Slipp
  - ❖ There will be a new school report card (survey for parent feedback)
  - ❖ There is a high school review just starting up - looking at many aspects of high school education, such as, graduation requirements, curriculum, etc.
  - ❖ There is an internet survey being carried out at this time - web site design
  - ❖ Synervoice (voice mail system) - schools will be responsible for paying for this for the 2014-2015 school year
  - ❖ Spring Symposium - at this time there are no WMS PSSC members attending. It is taking place the last weekend in May in Miramichi
  - ❖ Next DEC meeting is April 24, 2014 - Harvey
3. Home & School Update - Lynette Smith-Emberly
  - ❖ Lynette indicated that the last school dance the Gr. 8 FI Quebec Trip will be running the canteen as a fundraiser
4. New School Update
  - ❖ Thank you on behalf of David McTimoney
  - ❖ Transition Schedule (notes from David)
    - Has there been a date set for the next parent update
  - ❖ Naming New School Update (Jennifer B)
    - April 11<sup>th</sup> was the dateline for submissions
    - The Committee will be submitting their recommendations to the DEC on May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ Art Work for school entry (Lloyd Fitzgerald)
    - Looking at a nature theme of the Saint John River
  - ❖ Team Colors for "in town school"
    - Both WMS & WCES has black and gold/yellow as their team colors
  - ❖ School Logo - "Thunder" or something new
    - Both of these decisions will need to be done by the end of May
    - WCES is Beatrice the Bee & WMS is Thunder

Notes

That the Thunder Logo is a community name and that parents would like to see this continued into the two new schools

## New School Update (continued)

- ❖ Catchment areas will stay the same; Debec and SCES will go to Bedell School and Centennial will go to "In-Town" School and the Middle Level will go (September, 2015) to the schools according to their residence and elementary catchment areas; this is what is likely expected by all stakeholders.
- ❖ The out-of-zone request for transfer policy will continue to apply. As stated in the policy, if a request for out of zone transfer is approved, then transportation becomes the responsibility of the parent unless circumstances warrant otherwise.
- ❖ Walkers - For "in-town" school, it remains status quo. This is currently at a 2.4 km bus free zone.
- ❖ Grade 3 EFI will run at both schools and Grade 6 LFI will only be at the "in town" school. Grade 6 LFI can only be sustained at one school. The rationale for the "in town" school is transportation (multi-year trend when we include Hartland) and traditional similar numbers from both areas. This will also allow for a balance in enrollment and balance in program initiatives (Prime, EFI, LFI, FN)
- ❖ Woodstock Middle will transition in September, 2015.
- ❖ Woodstock Centennial staff will move as a whole to the "in-town" school and classes and ESS will remain intact. FTE will remain the same for 2014-15 school year.
- ❖ For Southern Carleton and Debec, the FTE will also remain the same. The SCES classes will remain intact. The Debec classes may remain intact or administration, teachers and parents may collaborate on new possibilities that would be of advantage to these children.
- ❖ Cafeteria Services will be Chartwells- they will be contracted for both schools, effective January, 2015. WCES may continue with their cafeteria initiative until the school closes.
- ❖ PSSC for Centennial, it will be a straight transfer. Then we will look at elections for September, 2015 (when both middle and elementary come together)
- ❖ The admin team for Bedell school will be Tammy Dunbar & Heather Hogan
- ❖ The admin team for the "in town" school will be Pat Thorne & Donita Hillyard
- ❖ Last day for Pat Thorne & Tammy Dunbar at their current schools will be Nov. 30, 2014
  - Superintendent will appoint Acting Principals in both schools

## 5. WMS School Update

- ❖ Teacher Debbie Tapley will be retiring at end of year
- ❖ Clara's Big Ride - amazing event
  - Blue Bike hanging in front lobby
  - Signed shirt (to be framed)
  - Our student guest speaker - did a great job
  - Received a gift card from Canadian Tire & Samsung camera
- ❖ Transition Meetings are taking place (grade 5 students & grade 8 students)
  - Meet the Admin Night - May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Admin will attend all grade 5 Farewell events
  - We have the grade 5 students visiting WMS for school tour
  - We have students to go and visit grade 5 students to answer any questions they may have
- ❖ Music Festival - our Senior Band attended (Alyson Hubbard)
  - WMS placed Silver
- ❖ Cookie Dough Update
  - Wraps up April 23, 2014
  - Will be picked up on May 15, 2014 (3:30pm-7:30pm)

## WMS School Update (continued)

- ❖ Green Hill Lake - booked for June, 2014
- ❖ Air Quality Tests have been carried out
- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair was successful
- ❖ Heritage Fair - students will be attending Regional Fair at NBCC Woodstock in May
- ❖ Provincial Science Fair - we have a couple of students attending
- ❖ UNB Math Contest - we have 12 students attending in May
- ❖ Fine Arts Gala Evening - May 21<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ Grade 6, 7, 8 Track & Field Day
- ❖ Athlete of the Month & Citizen of the Month - going well
- ❖ School Report Cards went home - Parent Teacher interviews (down in numbers)

### 6. Budget Report

- ❖ School Raised Funds
  - We are in good shape financially, due in large part to the two fundraising initiatives. Helps to support programs for our students
- ❖ PSSC Budget - \$89.88

### 7. FI Quebec Trip - ongoing fundraising initiatives to help offset the costs of trip for students

- ❖ They have raised approx.. \$8,000
- ❖ Cost per student is \$390.00

### 8. School Supply Lists - looking for feedback

- ❖ Good discussion on this - parents to provide more feedback
- ❖ Like to trim it - so that purchasing school supplies is not so expensive to families

### 9. SIP Update

- Grade 7 Literacy Assessment Results
- Grade 8 Provincial Math Assessment - June, 2014
- Grade 6 Provincial Numeracy/Science Literacy Outcomes
- RTI - May 1, 2014

### 10. Anything Else.....

- ❖ Committee discussed the number of school cancellations - do our teachers feel rushed or cannot get curriculum covered. School responded that no, feeling confident that we are on track and we will have all curriculum covered by end of year

### 11. Next Meeting - Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (supper meeting @ 6pm) River Restaurant

- Pat to make reservations for both PSSC / Home & School