

Arnold H. McLeod PSSC

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 25th, 6:30-7:30

Time: 6:30pm

Attendance: Sheila Johnston, Dominic Vautour, Becky Toogood, Marisa Jeffrey, Lydia Hawkins, Byron Rayne, Tricia Smith, Lisa Bryenton.

Next Meetings: January 13th, February 24th, April 7th, May 26th (all at 6:30pm)

New Business

- Elections of Chair and Meeting Recorder
 - Becky Toogood Elected as Chair
 - Marisa Jeffrey volunteered to be Meeting Recorder
- Declaration forms (signed by all members)

PSSC Handbook (*paper copy given to all members*)

- The handbook is new this year and will be updated yearly.
 - Reviewed the limitations on PSSC (page 6)
 - Do not provide supervision of principals/staff
 - Talk about school as a whole, not specific students, day-to-day situations
 - Fundraising discussion is for Home and School Association
 - PSSC looks at evaluation results and school improvement plans
 - Reviewed the PSSC Budget (page 10)
 - Budget (\$391) must be spent by March 31.
 - See limits on what money can be spent on page 10
 - Ideas for what to spend budget on ...
 - Meeting refreshments
 - Lydia Hawkins suggested helping April Thompson with a Cafeteria initiative (class with the cleanest trays)
 - New set of basketballs

School Improvement Plan Review

- ASDE goals
 - All students at grade level for literacy and math
 - All staff feel safe
 - All students graduate
- AHM goals
 - Literacy
 - Students achieving level 3 or greater will increase by 10% between term 1 and 3
 - Discussion of new literacy approaches (UFLI and Science of Reading)
 - Numeracy
 - Students achieving level 3 or greater will increase by 10% between term 1 and 3
 - Discussion on Grade 5 Provincial Math Assessment Results (44%)
 - Discrepancy between assessment and what is taught in the classroom.
 - Questioned whether there was a drop in assessment scores when assessment began to be done on iPad.
 - Discussion on Math Flex
 - Some students are part of the “low” math group for grades 3-5; are they being exposed to all math concepts?
 - Math Flex allows for enrichment
 - Math Flex is in the afternoon for grades 3-5, not the best time for math learning.
 - Efforts to keep all teachers on the same page for grades on report card assessments
 - Safe and Caring
 - 75% of students grade 3-5 involved in at least 1 extra curricular
 - 90% of students use strategies to self-regulate/problem solve in conflicts
 - Graduation

- Chronic absenteeism will decrease by 10%
- Parents attending Pre-K events will go up by 10%
 - Discussion on how to best communicate Pre-K events with parents
 - Email invite
 - Sharing information on AHM Facebook page and Home and School Page (Trina Bland)

Lunch subsidy program update

- Last year the school was part of \$100 000 pilot project.
- This year, they are matching our \$50 000 contribution.
- Questions regarding whether new government will cover the cost of lunch subsidy program.
- Discussion on whether we can allow for donations on Nutri slice app.

School News

- Increasing enrolment
 - 413 students and rising
 - New schools billed for 2027 start date in Dieppe, Shediac and Salisbury
- 2 new classroom portables, 1 new washroom portable
 - Classroom portables were completed in early September
 - Bathroom portable are experiencing difficulties, yet to be completed

Fall Semester overview

- Brand new ESS team
 - New Principal, Acting Vice-Principal and Resource Team
 - 1 Behaviour mentor, but pushing for a second

From the floor

- Option for zoom for next meeting to boost attendance
- Let Dominic know if we want Superintendent, Mr McLean to attend a meeting