



Nackawic Elementary School
110 McNair Drive, Nackawic, NB E6G 1A8
Parent School Support Committee Agenda
Date: January 18, 2024 Time: 6:00 pm
Location: NES Library

<p><u>PSSC Members Present:</u> Kelsey Davidson, Chair Melissa Bourgoïn, Vice Chair Melissa Rockwell Miranda Callaghan</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Mike Agrell Eden Tootoo Vanessa MacDonald</p>	<p><u>School/DEC Representation Present:</u> Larry Graham, Principal Nicole Priest, Teacher Rep. DEC, Tanya Cloutier</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u></p>
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Call to Order: 6:10pm

Approval of the Agenda: Melissa approved, and Miranda seconded

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: approved by Miranda and seconded by Kelsey

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **None**

New Business:

- **PSSC Budget-** \$432.35- the rest will be given to the school for buying paper to support communication with parents
- **SIP-** Larry gave everyone an updated page of our plan. Larry shared that the district is collaborating with Covey and “The 7 Habits”. We have already done this at our school. The district is moving a head with the 4DX model for developing school improvement plans so we are tweaking ours based on suggestions from the liaison who speaks with Larry. We are focusing on measuring our goal as this is part of our plan that needs strengthening. The additions to our plan are based on how we will measure the goal of learning our new curriculum under accountability. They also use scoreboards to show how we would be making out with what we are measuring, this is something we are planning to put in place next year. Goals were celebrated with scoreboards.
- **Conference Attendance-** 88% of kids were represented at our student led conferences, last year was 77%
- **FI Teams Call-** There was 1 last night for parents to attend
- **Kindergarten Registration Update-** we have 20 registered right now
- **Student Achievement-** Larry shared the sheet we share with staff on the percent of students achieving 3 or above on the first report card. Our percentages are down in most areas and at most grade levels. All of our whole school reading, writing, and numbers percentages are down from June as well. We explain this as changes in curriculum, changes in assessing and what a 3 and a 2 really mean, as well as changes in teachers. We are thinking more progress will be shown next term. We do have Heidi Knox working as an academic support teacher and she has seen improvements in all kids she works with, even though they may not have reached grade level.

- **Lunch Program Update-** The subsidy program is now over for our 3 schools so meals are now \$6.25. Only about a third of the kids are buying now. There is a meeting here at NES next Tuesday with district to inform parents of what happened and try to come up with a plan to get money to support a subsidy again. It would be \$12 000 a month for all 3 schools.
- **Playground Update-** they are working on a March Madness fundraiser. Businesses will donate and there will be a prize drawn each day for those who bought tickets. They got \$2500 in a grant to support the Food Forest and have some people come to teach us about it. They also got money for a tether ball from another grant. They have over \$13 000 in the account.
- **Calendar of events-** Bath bomb fundraiser, lots of clubs going on- chess, basketball, band, drama, art club at recess for 3-5, choir, a volleyball club for the spring. The curling group Rocks and Rings will be next week, Family Fun Night for Family Literacy Day on Jan. 26th, books for bikes starts in January. In January/February we are having Kindness meetings with the winter carnival groups. There will be a Staff appreciation week in February, as well as a chess tournament, Winter Carnival. In March Art Richard will perform and in April there will be report cards will go home in April.
- **Supporting Positive Learning Environments-** Larry had a conference call with Minister Hogan to voice concerns about anything on principals' minds. There was a lot of concern about students' attendance. He did talk about looking back at the retention policy and if kids were not attending school and not meeting grade level standards that they could be held back for a year.

Correspondence:

- **Health Update-** a letter was sent home about what parents should know about keeping their children home. The letter was written by Yves Leger, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- **Granola Bar Recall-** notice was sent home about a lot of Quaker products
- **Excellence in Education Award-** Larry shared that this is available for parents to apply for someone if they wish. Larry emailed the information to Kelsey.

Closing Comments- none

Date of Next Meeting: April 18th at 6:00pm

Adjournment: 7:20pm

Rosey Dawat
PSSC Chair

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Nicole Priest
PSSC Secretary

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