

**Gesner Street Elementary School**

**10 Gesner Street, Oromocto, E1V 2S8**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date: May 10, 2023 Time: 6:30 pm**

**Location: Gesner School room 124**

**In Attendance: Sheila Baker, Thomas Geburt, Sherry Jonah, Robyn MacKenzie, Joy Burgess, Wendy Wood, Kim Kucey & Jolene Hoadley Norquay**

**Call to Order:** Jolene called the meeting to order

**Approval of the Agenda:** Kim approved, and Sherry seconded

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Joy approved, and Kim seconded

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** n/a

**New Business:**

* **Review March Report Card Data**
  + Sheila shared the Literacy Report Card Data from the April 2023 reporting period.
  + The results from the English grade 1 & 2 reports for writing and reading are lower (below 61%) than the district average. The school ESS Team have determined a strategy to address learners who are not meet 3 or above.
  + It was discussed that school closures due to covid the past few years has impacted the learning for grade 1& 2 students.
  + Sheila shared the Numeracy Report Card Data from April 2023. Overall, all grades are doing well.
* **CMHANB – reflect on next presentation, May 25th and last presentation**
  + The committee hosted 2 presentations. For both sessions, there was very low attendance.
  + The committee decided to send out a link to a pre-recorded session instead of offering the last in-person/virtual live presentation.
  + Sherry will email the contact at CMHA to cancel the session.
* **Next steps for drop-off area by parent parking lot – designs, when, who**
  + Building maintenance offered to paint the background on May 15th
  + Joy will sketch the image on May 26th by 2:30 pm and will paint Saturday May 27th 9 am. Committee members are encouraged to attend, especially on May 27th. Sherry will arrange to have staging at the school for both days.
* **Kindergarten Orientation May 26th** 
  + 1:30-2:30 pm – Jolene will speak to kindergarten parents during this event to share about the PSSC and encourage parents to join the committee.
* **Presentations for the students: Jorgen Ballet Company-April 25th, Matt The Music Man performing May 19th**
  + The students enjoyed the Jorgen Ballet Company presentation and look forward to the Matt The Music Man performance.
* **Student appreciation week – April 24-28** 
  + The students really enjoyed this. The staff decorated both entrances to the school and did a variety of other activities to show the students how appreciated they are.
* **Grade 2 Classes had a field trip to the Beaverbrook Art Gallery May 2/3, Grade 1 students had a field trip to the farm-May 3**
  + All the field trips went really well.
* **Scholastic Book Fair-May 8-13**
* **Swing Into Spring Fundraiser-May 13, craft fair, bike rodeo, Scholastic Book Fair**
* **School is participating in the Drama Fest-May 16th, performing *Once Upon A Lily Pad*,**
  + On May 17th, they will be presenting their play to the school
* **Additions:** 
  + The district is looking at updating their mission and vision. There is a survey for parents to provide their input. This will be circulated by the school and district.
  + Changes to the DEC Governance Structure: Minister Hogan made changes to the Education Act which have implications for the DECs. The DECs will lose their authority and will change to an advisory council. PSSC will be provided with training and will be involved in the school plan. Effective July 1st, Superintendent will report to the Minister of EECD. There is a press release on the GNB website.
  + The government recently developed an advisory committee with 2 subcommittees. One steering group for English Prime and one steering group for French Immersion. Jolene is participating in the English Prime steering group. Jolene is speaking to the MFRC and the PSSCs for K-2 in the OEC and Summerhill. The committee encouraged Jolene to share the need for Literacy Leads within the school to support all learners and have reading and assessment material provided.
  + The Minister of Education announced a review of Policy 713. Committee members and parents are encouraged to find out more about it.

**Date of Next Meeting: June 7, 2023-Recruitment Meeting**

**Adjournment:** 8:20 pm