

**Gesner Street Elementary School**

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

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: October 17, 2023**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location: Gesner School**

**Attendees:** Sheila Baker, Sherry Jonah, Robyn MacKenzie, Noella Owens, Jolene Hoadley Norquay, Thomas Geburt, Sarah Purcell & Joy Burgess

**Virtual Attendees:** Rachael Bertram & Kelly Till

**Regrets:** Brittany Sinclair, Alison & Andrew Lindsay, Lisa Bernard, and Nolan Gervais

**Call to Order:** Jolene called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**Approval of the Agenda:** Joy approved the agenda & Robyn seconded

**Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Sheila approved the minutes & Rachael seconded

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

* Plan to complete the hopscotch painting – update from Noella
  + Lisa Bernard and two friends are going to start on the hopscotch tomorrow and finish on Thursday. We are very excited to see it come together!
* Fallin’ Into Fall Market and Book Fair Sat Oct 14th
  + The Fall Market and Book Fair was very well attended. It was a great opportunity to invite the community into the school.

**New Business:**

* The volunteer community is running an online auction. It started on Sunday and will run for a week.
* Resources for families involved with a deployment – update from Brittany
  + Brittany is waiting on more information from the MFRC to share with the committee. Other schools in Oromocto have also reached out to the MFRC. Jolene will check in with Brittany to see if she’s heard any additional information.
* First call for proposals for the use of PSSC budget
  + Items for a positive mental health chill spots within the school: bean bag chairs, lights, and other sensory items. The school had a guest speaker from Sandy Brawn last Friday that was focused on Reward vs. Regulation. The school team would like to create calming spots within schools to co-regulate with learners. Committee members are encouraged to share ideas and links that could be used within the calming spaces to Jolene after Sherry sends out the minutes.
  + Other ideas that were shared were: name tags for staff, door signs for classrooms and paper.
* Vice-Chair: The committee must have a co-chair. Interested committee members can reach out to Noella or Jolene before the next meeting.
* School Plan Training – update from Thomas
  + In June, the Minister of EECD dropped the proposed changes to the Education Act through Bill 46 before it went to the legislature.
  + Policy 713: The Premier and Minister decided to review this policy in April 2023. The Child and Youth Advocate, Kelly Lamrock wrote a report identifying issues with the new policy. The DEC implemented a new policy called the Ends Results Policy 4. The DEC received a letter from the Minister with corrective actions demanding they take the policy down. The DEC did some changes and put up the new policy. The Minister sent another letter with corrective actions demanding they take the policy down. The DEC is meeting this week to decide what they will do.
  + Back in 2018, a study was completed by Ernst & Young on the Oromocto schools and the Burton school. Parents will be receiving a letter in the near future stating that a 409 study will be conducted in 2024 on the Oromocto schools and the Burton school (7 schools in total). The infrastructure in the Oromocto schools is old.

**Correspondence: N/A**

Adjourned at 6:51 pm

**Date of Next Meeting:** November 14th @ 6 pm

**Adjournment: N/A**