**Gesner Street Elementary School**

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

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: January 16, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Gesner Street Elementary School**

**Attendees:** Kelly Till, Sheila Baker, Thomas Geburt, Joy Burgess, Angela Penton, Lyndon Morehouse, Sophie & Matthew Quigley, Sherry Jonah, Jolene Hoadley Norquay & Lisa Bernard  
**Virtual Attendees:** Sarah Purcell   
**Regrets:** Wendy Wood

**Call to Order:**

**Approval of the Agenda:** Lisaapproved and Jolene seconded

**Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Jolene approved & Lisa seconded

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

* **Communication Sign:** Installed on the grade ½ playground on Dec.12th
  + The school did a great job introducing the board to all the students in the school. They did this in different ways with some of the students who use Proloqup2Go during the morning announcements. The sign was installed at a height appropriate for k-2 learners.
* **PBIS Committee:** Purchased a new sensory pathway for the downstairs hallway
  + The school already had a sensory pathway upstairs, so this was a nice addition to the lower level. Students have been enjoying using the sensory pathway since returning in January and have been using them appropriately.

**New Business:**

* Report Card Data
  + Sheila reviewed the report card date for each grade level and reporting strand in English and Math (ex. Reading, representation number sense, patterns and relations, etc.) for the school compared to the district average. Gesner’s results are comparable to the district averages (within +/- 5%).
  + The school team is using the data to inform where intervention groups are needed for learners who would benefit from further academic intervention. The academic support teacher will be starting a new 6-week block of intervention with grade 2 English Prime learners.
  + The next set of report cards will be coming out in April 2025.
* Student Wellness Data
  + Sheila shared the summary data for each grade level. The kindergarten survey is done one-on-one with each learner, and they are done more independently with the older grades. The survey is comprised of 10 questions and students select a response of a thumbs up, sideways thumb or thumbs down. One member of the school team connects with each learner who responds with a ‘no’/thumbs down. The school team implements strategies that would help address any concerns a learner brings forward.
  + The survey is completed again in the spring.

**Upcoming Events:**

* National Family Literacy Day January 27th - Theme "Learn to be Green"
* The school has a variety of activities planned throughout this week.
  + Check out this website for activity ideas:  <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/programs/family-literacy-day/>
* Student Passion Projects: January 17th- Grade 2 Classes, January 24th-Grade 1 Classes, January 31st -Kindergarten Classes
  + Students and staff are both really excited about the Passion Day presentations.
* Skating at the Kings Arrow Arena: Grade 2: Jan. 15, 22 and 29th, Grade 1: Feb. 5, 12 and 19th,

K: Feb. 26 and March 12 and 19th

* Students really enjoy the skating. If students don’t have a helmet or skates, the school has a bank of skates and helmets that they lend to students. Donations of skates, helmets and/or skate aids are welcomed!
* Staff Appreciation Week: February 10-14
  + The volunteer committee is organizing the staff appreciation week, but parents are welcome to show their appreciation to staff in any way that they wish.

**Correspondence:** Report card and wellness data to be included with minutes.

**Closing Comments:**

* Lyndon heard Sheila on the radio before Christmas and thought it was great!
* The school welcomes donations of clothing, specifically pants.
* Thomas shared that the Minister of EECD approved the closure of the 7 Oromocto/Burton schools to build 3 K-8 schools within the town of Oromocto.
* Thomas shared the updated Policy 713 released by the new government.
* ASD-W will host a symposium in the spring. The PSSC can submit a name of someone to attend the symposium.
* ASD-W sent out a survey through an independent company concerning the changes in school hours this current school year. The results of that survey will be provided to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will decide about the school hours for next school year, 2025-2026, and inform the DEC. No decision related to changes to school hours for next year has been made at this time.

**Date of Next Meeting: February 13, 2025**

**Adjournment:** 7:05 pm