



Gesner Street Elementary School
10 Gesner Street, Oromocto, E1V 2S8

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: May 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: In Person & Virtually on Teams

Attendees: Sheila Baker, Angela Penton, Lyndon Morehouse, Sherry Jonah, Joy Burgess, Jolene Hoadley Norquay, Kelly Till & Sophie Quigley

Virtual: Thomas Geburt & Sarah Purcell

Regrets: Wendy Wood & Lisa Bernard

Call to Order: Kelly called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Angela approved, and Jolene seconded.

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Lyndon approved, and Jolene seconded.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Term 2 Report Card Data: Sheila shared the average report card data for each grade level at Gesner compared to the district average for each area for report card results that were 3 or above, which included reading, representation (writing), number sense, patterns and relations, and space and shape. Gesner's average scores are close to the district averages (some slightly below or above). The school uses this data to inform where their academic support teacher would offer intervention or additional support to classrooms or learners. The math curriculum is going to change for next school year to the holistic math curriculum so that will be an upcoming change. The new curriculum is currently in draft stage.
- Classroom Data: The school tracks negative verbal interactions, non-verbal interactions & physical interactions. The data has shown a decrease in negative behaviours in all areas since January. They will continue to collect this data for the remainder of the school year.
- School Plan Goals: their first goal was about decreasing negative behaviours by 5% which was achieved. Their second goal is about the EGLA data – phonics skills will improve by 2% which

they achieved. All school staff are meeting next week to determine their new goals as they met both goals. Way to go Gesner!

New Business:

- Staffing News: The deadline for the Gesner VP position has been extended to Friday, May 16th. They received their EA allotment for 2025-2026. Their school counsellor is retiring in June 2025 so they will be looking for a new school counsellor for next school year. On Monday, Robyn Mackenzie received an excellence in education award.
- School WIG update: Great Gecko Awards – Learners have done really well in earning Gecko Awards. They have passed the goal of 1750 as a school team which earned them a Glow Stick Party on Friday, May 16th.
- School Fundraiser/Scholastic Book Fair Update: The online auction raised over \$5000 which was an increase from last year's online auction. The craft fair raised just over \$1000 and they are still waiting to hear how much money will come back to the school from the bookfair.
- Update on School Activities for April and May so far
 - Grade 1 & 2 students just finished Drama Fest. They performed at the district drama fest on May 8th. They also did a performance for their parents/caregivers and another performance for the school.
 - Grade 2 students went to the Beaverbrook Art Gallery – students enjoyed the fieldtrip
 - The school hosted a pancake day funded by the Nutritional Literacy Grant.
 - Grade 1 students had a farm field trip. They all really enjoyed it!
 - Baby Chicks visited the grade 1 FI classes.
 - The school held a vote on April 28th on their favourite ice cream flavour. The next day, they had ice cream for the students and staff.
 - The school celebrated Mrs. Chapman for Admin Assistant Day with a tribal council theme.
- May and June's activities recap
 - Worlds UNBound-May 26th
 - Kindergarten Orientation Fri. May 30th at 1:30 PM
 - Summerhill tour for Grade 2 students will be on June 3rd
 - Play Day: June 5th
 - Volunteer Appreciation: June 6th
 - School Wide Teddy Bear Picnic: June 12th

-Career Fair Fri. June 13th, 9-11:15 AM

-Kings Landing Field Trips – all classes are going in June

-Splash pad- they are hoping to have splash pad days the last week of June

-Grade 2 Celebration: June 18th

- DEC Spring Symposium: May 30 & 31st – Kelly and Jolene will be attending on behalf of our PSSC.
- School Calendar Pilot Study: Thomas shared that the district will be doing a pilot study with regards to changes to the school calendar. It may look like adding in additional personal learning days each month for specific clusters of schools. The pilot length is to be determined.
- The announcement of the name of the new school opening in Fredericton happened this morning. It will be called Sunset Acres Elementary School and is scheduled to open in September 2025.

Date of Next Meeting: June 12, 2025, 6 PM – New Members Welcome!

Adjournment: 7 pm