



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

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: October 30, 2025, Room 139

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Gesner School

Attendees: Kelly Till, Sheila Baker, Stacey St. Peter, Thomas Geburt, Sherry Jonah, Matt and Sophie Quigley, Kaitlyn Bettel, Angela Penton and Samantha Wambolt

Virtual Attendees: N/A

Regrets: Erin Crook, Lyndon Morehouse, Jagmeet Saini and Arshdeep Kaur.

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

Approval of the Agenda: Sophie approved the agenda and Angela seconded.

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Kaitlyn approved the minutes and Matthew seconded.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Proposals for the use of PSSC budget:** The budget for this year is \$1000.
 - Kelly shared the PSSC budget guidelines outlined in the PSSC Handbook.
 - The committee discussed different options, including purchasing a communication board for the kindergarten playground.
 - Kaitlyn motions to approve inquiring about the cost of the communication board installed on the fence vs. on posts and timeline on installation. Sophie seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- 2025-2026 School Plan
 - Sheila shared stats about the school.
 - 235 students

- 1 admin assistant
 - 20 teaching staff including EST-SC, Principal and EST-R (2)
 - 1 BIM
 - 20 EAs
 - 2 custodians.
- The school has 3 goals for their school improvement plan. Sheila shared information related to each goal.
 - the behaviour matrix
 - implementation of holistic math curriculum
 - increasing proficiency with literacy data to inform instruction
- School wide WIG (Wildly Important Goal) focusing on positive interactions.
 - Positive greetings coming into the building each morning (smile, say hi, wave, etc.).
- Breakfast program: Gesner is part of the Breakfast Clubs of Canada program. They receive some funding from them. Sheila puts in an order every 2 weeks for breakfast food items from Food Depot NB. They receive hard boiled eggs from the Oromocto Foodbank. Fridays they have breakfast sandwiches from a local company.
- Morning Buses: A question was raised about where students go when they arrive at school from the school bus prior to 8 am. The first bus arrives at 7:40 am and the students stay in the hallway until 8 am when all the teachers arrive. They don't have the staff to offer the students a different option.

School Events:

Since the beginning of the school year, the school had many events:

- Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Terry Fox Fundraiser – the school raised over \$1000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Apple Picking Field Trips
- Fire Station Field Trips
- Fall Market/Scholastic Book Fair – The Market made over \$1100 and they are still waiting to hear how much the school will receive from the book fair sales.
- Monthly Assembly – Gesner hosted their first in-person Gecko award ceremony. It was a

huge success, and they hope to continue doing the assemblies in person each month.

Upcoming Events:

- Remembrance Day Ceremony-Nov. 3rd @ 1 PM
- Report Cards Issued: Dec. 1st and Parent Teacher: Dec. 4th (PM)/Dec. 5th (AM)
- Holiday Concert: December 10th Two Shows, 9 AM and 11 AM (December 17th snow date)

Correspondence:

- EECD Numeracy Letter and New Numeracy Curriculum-Sent Out to Families Oct. 23rd
- Public consultation session for the new education plan in Fredericton, Crown Plaza Lord Beaverbrook: November 4, 2025, 6-7:30 PM
- Virtual Public consultation session for the new education plan on November 6th
- Link for new education plan survey:
https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=736L4AG1Z0qe0Afji_zO5_8kvrpd4NZGlyed4BcZuFBUQUdaNlpRWDZSVEcxWDcxRVE5WTJjVWk8xWC4u&route=shorturl

Closing Comments:

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, November 27th @ 6 pm

Adjournment: Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm