

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

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: January 29, 2026**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Gesner School**

**Attendees:** Sheila Baker, Stacey St. Peter, Thomas Geburt, Sherry Jonah, Matt and Sophie Quigley, Lyndon Morehouse, Angela Penton and Samantha Wambolt

**Virtual:** Kelly Till and Kaitlyn Bettle

**Regrets:** Erin Crook

**Call to Order:** Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

**Approval of the Agenda:** Lyndon approved and Kaitlyn seconded

**Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Angela approved the minutes and Sherry seconded.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- **PSSC Budget:** Discussion regarding playground communication board-Proloquo2Go. Sheila received a quote from Plasticraft Limited. The cost of the sign, the post and the installation is \$1027. The PSSC budget is \$1000. The school is prepared to cover the extra \$27.

**Motion:** Kelly is calling a motion to spend the PSSC budget to go towards the Proloquo2Go. Matt seconded the motion. All present committee members voted in favour of spending the PSSC budget towards the sign. Sheila will get in contact with Plasticraft Limited to purchase.

**New Business:**

- **Staffing Updates:** Robyn McKenzie, one of Gesner's EST-R, has gone to district to be a district Education Support Teacher – Resource.

Courtney Foster took over Robyn's EST-R role. They hired a new grade teacher, Bobby Wilson, to replace Courtney in her grade 2 English class. They had two EAs go out on maternity leave and have replaced them as well with 2 new EAs.

- **Report Card Data:** Sheila shared the report card data from term 1

Reading: The Gesner data for Reading was close to the district average for most grade levels, however, the grade 2 English students reading score were lower than district average (46 (Gesner) compared to 60 (district)).

Writing: Similarly, the Gesner data for Writing was close to the district average for most grade

levels, however, the grade 2 English students writing score were lower than district average (44 (Gesner) compared to 54 (district)).

Number sense: The Gesner data for number sense was close to the district average for all grade levels.

Patterns and Relations: The Gesner data for number sense was close to the district average for all grade levels – kindergarten was slightly below (79-Gesner, 88-District).

Shape and Space: The Gesner data for Shape and Space was close to the district average for all grade levels – Grade 2FI was slightly below (77-Gesner, 96-District)

Stats and Probability: The Gesner data for Stats and Probability was above the district average for all grade levels, except kindergarten was 1% below (90-Gesner, 91-District)

- They have met as a school team and have a plan to provide intervention to learners who received a 2 in reading, writing and/or number sense on their term 1 report card. The learners who received a 1 will receive support from the EST-R.

- **Student Wellness Data:** Sheila shared the results from the Wellness Survey from December 2025. Kindergarten students were surveyed 1-on-1, grade 1's completed the surveys individually but supported in small groups, and grade 2's completed the surveys individually but supported as a whole class. Overall, the results were positive across all grade levels. There was an increase in "maybe" responses in grades 1 and 2 compared to kindergarten. They investigated all the 'no' responses. They will repeat the survey again in the spring.
- **School Plan Update:** Sheila shared the schools Wildly Important Goals (WIG). Their first goal is about seeing a decrease in incidents of behaviour in the classroom and playground. The second goal is about increasing teachers' confidence with the new holistic math curriculum. The third goal is for teachers to use literacy data to inform their instruction.
- Thomas shared the **EECD Capital Budget and Capital Project Priorities**. The 3 K-8 schools in Oromocto have been funded in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This means that the province can begin the process of building the new schools which begins with acquiring land. The schools will be built sequentially and the first may open in 4-6 years. Each school will have 600+ students. District Education Council (DEC) Election will happen on May 11, 2026, with municipal elections.

Thomas shared that he will not be running in the next election for the DEC. He has submitted his resignation as the DEC member and chair effective January 31, 2026. Another DEC councilor may attend our PSSC meetings until a new DEC councilor is elected.

- **Provincial Lunch program:** The province is looking to implement it in the fall 2026. It is still in the planning stages but there has been people come look at the schools' facilities to see what is available for meal prep storage and preparation.

**Upcoming Events/Events That Have Occurred:**

- National Family Literacy Day January 27<sup>th</sup> - Theme "*Make Mealttime Family Learning Time*". There were in school literacy activities throughout the week.
- Student Passion Projects: January 16 - Grade 2 Classes, January 23-Grade 1 Classes, January 30-Kindergarten Classes
- Skating at the Kings Arrow Arena: Grade 2: Last Day Was This Week, Grade 1: Feb. 4, 11 and 18, K: Feb. 25 and March 11 and 18
- Staff Appreciation Week: February 9-13 The volunteer committee has sent out a Sign Up for parents to send in a treat for staff. There are still slots open!
- February is Black History Month
- Pink Shirt Day (Feb. 25)
- School Clothing Orders with Our New School Logo: Feb. 6-13
- Fundraisers: Christmas Quilt-Made \$900
- The volunteer committee will be hosting another Spring Online Auction. Prep work has already begun.

**Correspondence:** N/A

**Date of Next Meeting:** February 26, 2026

**Adjournment:** Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.