



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

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: In Person, Room 131

Attendees: Sheila Baker, Stacey St. Peter, Kaitlyn Bettle, Sherry Jonah, Lyndon Morehouse, Angela Penton, Samantha Wambolt & Tanya Cloutier

Virtual: Sophie Quigley

Regrets: Erin Crook, Kelly Till, and Matt Quigley

Call to Order: Kaitlyn called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Samantha approved the Agenda and Sherry seconded.

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

Welcome to Tanya Cloutier: Tanya is taking over as the DEC representative from Thomas until the next election. Wallace Carr, previously in the co-chair role, has assumed the role of DEC Chair. The DEC will vote on a new co-chair at their next meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

School Plan Updates

- **School wide:** The playground data is the highest it has ever been for incidents of behaviour (verbal, non-verbal and physical behaviour). The school team is working hard on decreasing the incidents of behaviour with lessons and modelling expected behaviour.
- **Classroom:** The January data showed a decrease in incidents of classroom behaviour since September, but an increase since December.
- The school team will be looking at their current goals in the spring to update and/or change them for the upcoming school year.
- **WIG (Wildly Important Goal) Updates: The school community met the WIG.** The goal was to keep the hallway clean and tidy. The kids met the target, and they voted for a “Freaky Friday” which is when all students and go on any playground. It was celebrated on Friday, February 20th.
- **The communication sign has been ordered for the K playground.** It will be installed once the snow melts and the ground unthaw.

New Business:

- **Teacher Perception Survey Results:** The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development sent out a survey to complete. The survey consisted of over 100 questions with a variety of categories.

- **School strengths:**
 - The school improvement goal is very clear and there is good collaboration for goals within the school.
 - The staff are included in decisions.
 - Admin visit classrooms often and provides feedback.
 - They value PL.
 - Literacy and Numeracy are embedded school wide.
- **Areas for growth:**
 - Staff are feeling the loss of having ½ day on Friday as staff often collaborated with each other many Friday afternoons.
 - Learning time lost for the student when behaviour arises and they need to be removed from class.
 - Having increased resources and support needed for exceptional learners.
 - Having additional resources from external PL.
- **Staff Appreciation Week: February 10-14**
 - The school staff felt very appreciated. The volunteer committee sent out a sign up and many parents brought in treats for the staff and/or notes of appreciation.
- **Celebrated Valentine's Day and 100th Day: Feb. 13**
- **February is Black History Month**
 - They presented about someone different each morning on the announcement.
- **Skating at King's Arrow Arena**
 - Grades 1s and 2s have already gone and Kindergarten started this week.
 - The school has extra skates, helmets and skate aids for anyone who needs them. Everyone goes.
 - The school could use more size 1 and 2 skates.
- **Pink Shirt Day-Wednesday, Feb. 25th**
- **School Spirit Week-Week of February 23-27**
- **Volunteer Committee Updates**
 - Online Auction: they are currently collecting donations until the middle of March. The auction will run from April 7-17th
 - Spring Market: April 25th
 - Scholastic Book Fair: April 20-25th
- **School Communication: Is there enough communication about PBIS?**
 - The committee feels that the monthly newsletters are important and well received. If the school team is looking for more feedback, it may be helpful to send out a survey to all parents to gather their feedback.
 - To encourage more people to
- **Staff absences and lack of substitutes: From January 5th until February 26th, there were 46 positions unfilled over 36 days of school.**

Correspondence: NA

Closing Comments: NA

Date of Next Meeting: April 30, 2026

Adjournment: 7:12 pm