



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

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: October 21, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Gesner School, Room 142

Attendees (in-person): Sheila Baker, Sherry Jonah, Lyndon Morehouse, Kaitlyn Bettel, Samantha Wambolt, Alison Jackson, Angela Penton, Lisa Benard, Justine Everett and Ashley Lutes

Attendees (virtual): John Gillis

Regrets: Stacey St. Peter & Tanya Cloutier/Wallace Carr

Call to Order: Kaitlyn called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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

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

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Proposals for the use of PSSC budget: Amount left in the budget: \$502.16

- The school's TV monitor in the lobby broke and cannot be repaired. Sheila has already put in a request to district IT to source a TV monitor. They will provide Sheila with a quote & best model before it's purchased.
- The wooden bench on the Grade 1-2 playground became too old and they had to get rid of it. They would like to replace this bench. They called the bench "The Buddy Bench". There are two options, one without a back for apx. \$700 and one with a back for apx. \$750 plus tax and shipping.

Justine motioned to put the remainder of the PSSC budget towards the purchase of the backed playground bench. Kaitlyn seconded the motion. Anonymous vote in favour of purchasing the bench. Sheila will order a new bench for the playground.

New Business:

- 2026-2027 School Plan: Sheila shared the school plan with the committee. The first goal

is focused on numeracy. The second goal is focused on literacy: one for the English Prime classes and one for the French immersion classes. It is focused on strengthening reading skills for all learners. Gesner has been selected as a pilot school with the English and French literacy leads. They are targeting Ks and 1s English prime learners to intervene early to address any literacy concerns, and grades 1 and 2 French immersion learners. The last goal is focused on decreasing physical interactions on the playground. They are doing this school-wide through the announcements, lessons in class and individually with learners. They are also looking at different options for students during recess over the colder months, such as clubs, intramurals, and choir.

- Schoolwide WIG focuses on positive interactions: The current school-wide goal is about greetings in the morning entering the school building (side door and front door). School staff have counters to capture how many learners are entering with a positive greeting. Their goal is 100 per morning. They are averaging 115 per day.
- Hot Lunches: The vendor switched to Chartwells in October. Since the change, the meals are arriving on time and the students seem to be enjoying them. Parents at the meeting shared that the process is easy to order and their children are eating the hot lunches when they've ordered them a meal.

School Events:

- First School Assembly: Their first school assembly was held at the end of September.
- Indigenous Drumming Day: The school celebrated this on October 2nd.
- Whole School Apple Picking Field Trip: This was a success! The entire school went together on October 8th.
- Safe Schools Week: This week is safe schools' week. This includes an full school evacuation practice, a practice fire drill, a lockdown practice and a bus evacuation. A consideration brought forward was whether more communication to parents ahead of these drills would be helpful or not.
- Fall Market/Scholastic Book Fair: This is coming up on Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm.
- School Clothing Orders: Deadline to order is Friday
- Popcorn Fridays: Deadline to order is Friday

Upcoming Events:

- Remembrance Day Ceremony-Nov. 6 @ 11 AM: All are welcome.
- Chris Kennedy African Drumming-Nov. 19: He will be doing this in both French and English in partnership with Mrs. Hall, the schools music teacher.
- Report Cards Issued: Dec. 7

Closing Comments: NA

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 25 @ 6 PM

Adjournment: Kaitlyn adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM & Samantha seconded.