

PSSC Meeting – May 7, 2024

PSSC Members	Present: Monique Daigle, Charla Hicks, Nick Mattatall, Haley MacAlpine, Tanya Kenny, Mike Keenan, Janice Mullin & Kristin Cavoukian Regrets: Nick Robichaud & Jaime McKee Minutes: Tanya Kenny
Agenda	6:30 PM Call to Order / Attendance Approval of tonight's agenda Approval of previous meeting minutes 6:35 PM DEC Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglophone East DEC vs Minister of Education 6:55 PM Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any new/additional school Improvements? 7:15 PM Round Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of year plans • Transition plan for the new school • Teacher suspension 7:30 PM Meeting Adjourned
Meeting minutes	Approved Monique; 2 nd by Charla
DEC Update	-Kristin spoke about the current legal matter between DEC & the Minister of Education regarding policy 713. The minister is making it very known that a lot of \$ is being spent on this but in the grand scheme of things, it's basically .232% of the entire budget. -Kristin said if we wanted any information or access to any documents regarding the court case, she's happy to provide them. Just reach out. -The judge had mentioned they are hoping to have this case resolved before Sept 2024. -DEC is receiving a lot of positive feedback from parents regarding their stance on this issue. -DEC would like to focus on other things, like building new schools but spend the majority of their time putting out fires that the government starts. One major way to help, since it's an election year, is to reach out to your MLA/Candidates and let them know how important building new schools is to you & that they should make this a priority. Or start a petition. -Inspire Awards, previously known as the Turnaround Awards, are coming up.
Principal Update	-Welcomed students from 3 new countries last week. Cameroon, Norway & Mauritius. -Bessborough has now become an overflow school as there are no spots for Grade 2 & 3 anywhere else. Kindergarten is getting pretty close to being full as well.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -May see a bit of a dip next year. As of right now, there will be 4 empty classrooms next year. This will allow for us to be more equipped to receive overflow students. The portables will remain empty for now. -New ventilation systems Approved to be added in every room. No Air conditioning but will have cool air option. -Playground will be dug up over the summer to allow for adding in electrical that is required for this ventilation system. -Pushing to get 2 new roofs. One on either end of the school. -New Smart Interactive TV's (\$1000 per) have been added to replace the Smart boards (\$6000 per). They are on wheels so they are mobile. Wanting 8 total by June – Will have 2 per wing. -Added 10 iPads – Now currently have 286 iPads. Nick has set aside 30-35 of them for students to use for their assessments. -spoke of absenteeism being an issue for completing these assessments. 37 kids to do make up assessments' vs last year's 16 students. -Francophone school possibly coming out with a new calendar where they will have the majority of Fridays off per month. 3 out of 4. -Just started staffing for the 2023-2024 school year. All teachers placed in school based on seniority and can transfer if they wish. -We will have 3 Fulltime resource teachers for next year -Will also have an Academic Resource teacher (Mrs Ramsay) -New school is named but name cannot be released. This will happen upon a ribbon cutting at the new school by the Minister of Education.
<p>Round Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Haley asked if there were any plans for grade 5, 6 & 7 for the end of the year. No plans schoolwide, but each grade may be doing something special. -Nick discussed grade 8 trip. Mount Allison was no longer an option so they've decided to rent the theatres & Sports Dome and will provide pizza. -Chris was told that Mr Legge was suspended for slapping a child. This was deemed a rumor. -Chris asked if there were any plans to ban cell phones. We all gave our opinion that we thought that would be beneficial. Nothing in the works as of yet even though Ontario has agreed to the ban. -Janice brought up an issue of a parent video chatting on their walk to school daily, and this caused some concern as all of the children are appearing on this video chat. Wondered if there was something that could be done about this? Nick to reach out to the teachers on duty near Bessborough entrance to watch for it. -Janice also brought up a Kindergarten child crying outside of the locked door as he must have been late for school. He wasn't sure where to go. This brought up a good point to maybe have a conversation with the kids as to where they would go if something similar were to happen.

	<p>-Nick also advised that Ultimate frisbee may potentially become the next school sport.</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Adjourned by Monique; 2nd by Chris</p>