

## **Gagetown School PSSC Minutes**

**October 22, 2025**

**Call to Order:** 6:03 pm

**Attendees:** Katherine Colpitts, Wallace Carr, Kevin O'Hara, Lora McKinney, Kaley Lavoie-Gertridge, Ashley Moylan, Michelle Black, Rachael Smith, Lindsey and Joseph Innocent, Alexandra Francis

**Approval of Agenda:** L. McKinney, 2nd by M. Black

**Approval of Minutes:** M. Black, 2nd by A. Francis,

### **Business Arising:**

**Locker replacement**—Joseph Innocent reported that the lockers on base are going to be removed maybe by mid-November and once this happens, they are ours. We may have them after Christmas break.

**Library**—there has been no change in status. Katherine brought the situation up at a principal's meeting and all the schools are in the same predicament, with no solutions available. We are allowed volunteer readers to come in, and we can take students to the library to look at books, but they then have to shelve the books themselves. Wallace mentioned that once the contracts are signed with the EA's, librarians will not be included in the contract, so then we can find volunteer librarians.

**Air conditioning/ventilation fundraiser**—ventilation projects are separate from major capital projects, although there is money available each year for ventilation. The question is, can we fundraise for air conditioners? Wallace thought perhaps but would have to check that they meet a certain standard. Katherine will check with facilities and get back to Ashley. Base contractors may have connections with Home Hardware's or Home Depot's; as well, sometimes those stores have an amount they want to donate.

### **Principals Update:**

**Queen's County Fair**—Gagetown School students in grades 3-8 created floats and participated in the parade. Grades K-2 watched the parade, and then on Friday, went to the fairgrounds for their own personal tour.

**Apple picking**—the whole school walked from the school along the trail to Charlotte's Family Farm. Middle Level students buddied up with K-2.

**Safe school's week**—October 20-24<sup>th</sup>. We practiced a fire drill, the lock-down procedure, the evacuation from school process and bus evacuation.

**Hot lunch**—starting Nov 5th. Heather Rhymes will be making us pizza and specials

### Provincial Assessment results

Provincial Assessment Results for Gagetown School (K-8)								
Grade	Assessment	Target 2025	% at Appropriate and Above					
			Province 2024-25	District 2024-25	School 2024-25	School 2023-24	School 2022-23	
K-5	4 English Reading	90%	60.5%	60.9%	35.7%	75.0%	45.5%	
	Scientific Literacy	90%	77.7%	77.0%	38.5%	75.0%	72.7%	
	5 Mathematics	90%	51.4%	45.1%	66.7%	66.7%	18.2%	
	FSL Reading Early FI	90%						
6-8	6 English Reading	90%	78.3%	79.3%	90.0%	66.7%	60.0%	
	Scientific Literacy	90%	76.9%	78.3%	80.0%	50.0%	60.0%	
	7 Mathematics	90%	49.5%	47.5%	75.0%	60.0%	45.5%	
	FSL Reading Early FI	90%						
	FSL Reading Late FI	90%					59.1%	
	FSL Reading PIF	90%	55.6%	60.4%	60.0%	10.0%	36.4%	
	Scientific Literacy	90%	78.1%	75.6%	80.0%	80.0%	64.3%	
9-12	9 Reading (ELPA)	90%						
	10 FSL Reading Early FI	90%						
	FSL Reading Late FI	90%						
	FSL Reading PIF	90%						

**School goal**—All students will be able to read, comprehend, interpret and communicate at or above grade level.

### DEC Report:

Motions – DEC Public Meeting – 25 September 2025

DEC Meeting Schedule I move that the proposed DEC meeting schedule for school year 2025-2026 be approved.

DEC Priorities: I move that the following DEC Priorities be approved for the District Education Council for the school year 2025-2026:

Infrastructure We will continue with our efforts to create a long-term capital plan for the District, while continuing to enhance and maintain all of our district facilities / infrastructure to ensure they are safe, structurally sound, technologically savvy, and are a welcoming environment for all students and staff. Engagement with our school communities will be essential in this endeavor.

District Plan We will support the Superintendent in the implementation and monitoring of the new three-year District Plan (2025-2028) with the overarching themes of “Learn, Be Well, Be Respectful”. We will closely monitor the district’s progress in the areas of numeracy and literacy while ensuring that our district policies continue to reinforce our commitment to creating a positive learning environment by providing students and staff

with the proper tools, training, and facilities needed to promote continuous student learning and growth.

First Nation and Diversity The Council will continue to become more aware of the history, culture and teachings of our First Nations and will support efforts to acknowledge and accept the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Additionally, we commit to ensuring that our school communities are supportive of all learners regardless of race, ethnicity, cultural background, gender, lived experience, ability, or socioeconomic status.

Flagpole Initiative: I move to rescind the DEC motion regarding flagpoles, passed at the 23 January 2025 Public Meeting and to replace it with the following: The Superintendent will procure mobile flagpoles for the existing ASD-West schools, in a phased approach over the next five years, as finances become available. Any new school infrastructure will include three outside flagpoles as part of the building plans.

DEC Meeting Procedure Policy: I move that the proposed DEC Public Meeting Procedure Policy be approved and adopted as ASD-West Governance Process Policy 5 effective immediately. Capital Improvements for 2026-2027: I move that the proposed Capital Improvements List for 2026-2027 be approved and submitted to the Department by 30 September 2025

#### **New Business:**

New Ed plan review—Wallace met with Tiffany Bastion and found out that they are behind in schedule, and there is a meeting with DEC on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

A public meeting will be held about the Ed plan November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Crown Plaza. Questions were raised about whether the government has released enough information to the public, and many people think not.

#### **Round Table:**

Nothing to cover

#### **Adjournment:**

7:12 K. Lavoie-Gertridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Black

**Adjournment:** 7:15 pm