

Gagetown School PSSC Minutes January 21, 2026

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Attendees: Katherine Colpitts, Wallace Carr, Kevin O'Hara, Joseph Innocent, Rachael Smith, Michelle Black, Lora McKinney, Ashley Moylen, Kaley Lavoie, Alexandra Francis

Approval of Agenda: A. Moylen, 2nd by L. McKinney

Approval of Minutes: A. Moylen, 2nd by K. Lavoie

Business Arising: Locker replacement—The workers have the lockers and will hold them until they can be installed in the school. More will be removed and then all installed at one time—hopefully March. School will put in a work order when the time comes. We will be getting 50 or so.

Library—there has been no change in status.

Air Conditioner—Four men came to survey the inside of the school, and we may need some electrical components moved to accommodate the exchangers.

Proloquo—has been installed and we have seen children using it.

Principals Update:

In support of our literacy school goal:

- o National Thesaurus Day – synonym rolls

- o School wide story— theme is a winter topic with each student illustrating their part. We will make it a PDF book and videotape some students reading it.

- o Coffee House—still in the works

- o Mid-year assessments in February – will be able to then see if our interventions are working and we are on track for our school goal.

- o Scholastic Book Fair—Katherine spoke with a scholastic person—2000 dollar intro fee—may open it up to other schools and the community--other schools have responded yes. An idea was put forth to have snacks or a dinner, and 50% of money raised goes back to the school in scholastic bucks (Katherine will verify)--Wallace mentioned we should get a credit/debit machine

- Absenteeism LTR. 5 at risk – 5--Katherine will be calling parents of children who have been absent--we have a small number.

- Chinese Lanterns by Francine Martin – NB Art Gallery—this installation is on loan in the library for the next couple of weeks

- Food program 2026?

- mid-year assessments-- they're on track, Lit. teacher to support any students with setbacks-- grade 3-4 students have progressed, grade 5 students Progressed as much due to being in the Intensive French program. They switch to English next week and the AST teacher will be in class to help.

- Home & School Family game night Jan 29th--This will happen from 6:00 to 7:30

DEC Report: Wallace sent the secretary an email with the information that he was going to talk about at our meeting. You will find it in your inbox, or Alex can resend it to you.

Breakfast and lunch program--all schools will have a five-day subsidized lunch program. There is a proposal out for a licensed company to take over. We have discussed this with Heather Rhymes who is our hot lunch person--she would have to bid. They are not sure how this is going to roll out--if Chartwell comes in, Gagetown's kitchen becomes their kitchen--February 13th is the due date for tenders.

New Business:

We have a broken bathroom in the office--extensive work will need to be done there (asbestos), it might be March before the bathroom is fixed

Next Meeting: March 18, 2026

Adjournment: 7:40 K. Lavoie, 2nd by M. Black