

**Gagetown School PSSC Minutes**  
**December 6, 2023**

**Call to Order:** 6:04 pm

**Attendees:** Wallace Carr, Rebecca Piercy, Lisa Dawson, Jen Ball, Stephanie White, Lora McKinney, Stephanie Marr, Kevin O'Hara, Alexandra Francis

**Regrets:** Kaley Lavoie-Gertridge, Gregory White

**Approval of Agenda:** A. Francis, 2nd by J. Ball

**Approval of Minutes:** L. McKinney, 2nd by S. White

**Principals Update:**

- Report cards went home Monday
- Parent/Teacher interviews to take place Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm and Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am
- Parents can reach out to teachers via a phone call or in person—at this moment there is a half and half mix of phone calls/in person meetings
- December calendar is available—Wallace to be added to the distribution list
  - \*Activities this year are student driven—the Leadership Club came up with the themes
  - \*Home and School will be hosting their annual “Sock Hop”—all students receive their own pair of Christmas socks
  - \*There will be more challenges moving forward, with bingo and caroling happening as well for Christmas—fun is encouraged alongside a normal working school
- December 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last cluster for this round—there will be more student driven ideas for clusters in the new year-- they will start up once more in the second week after Christmas
- Christmas concert to take place at 6pm on December 19<sup>th</sup> as well as a dress rehearsal the same day at 10:30 am—all are welcome to both performances
- Staff Update—new collective agreement ensures a minimum of 0.8 admin time, so additional FTE was granted to Ms. Miller.

**DEC Report:**

- Since our last meeting there have been ongoing discussions regarding bussing—driver shortages and amount of time students are on busses—averages for some students including Kindergarten students—1h 35m-1hr 45m
- Oromocto and Edmundston have many runs over an hour long (Oromocto=27)
- There is a bus driver shortage and there will be a presentation next week to try to mitigate the problem; the district is actively recruiting bus drivers
- There are contract issues happening at the moment as well resulting in some bus drivers saying no to driving on days that are snowy
- **Policy 713**—continued discussions at the district and provincial levels
- **Anti-Bullying**—still looking at this policy
- **Report Card Monitoring**—DEC still feels that the teachers are the ones who know what is going on inside the classroom and report cards are year-long assessments so there should be more emphasis on their results

- R. Piercy shared a message from the Office of the Superintendent outlining the sustainability study. There will be 3 different meetings for public consultation regarding the seven-school sustainability study—W. Carr mentioned that everyone can go to the district website to stay up to date on the study. Public meetings are listed on the ASD-W website.
- PSSC money must be spent

#### **Ministers Forum:**

- DEC manager hired
- Changes to the Education Act will not likely occur due to backlash from public
- Teacher awards have been reinstated
- Provincial DEC symposium coming up—PSSC members are welcome to attend
- 3 announcements—two new schools—George Street Middle and Liverpool/Forest Hill—hopefully next Dec
- Leo Hayes has been purchased—they were leasing before—want to put an addition on for trades, will do so now that the school is owned by district
- Funding continues for two northside schools plus school ventilation systems—all information is online—there are capital projects of up to 8 million dollars in the works

#### **Old Business:**

- **Policy 309** (French Language Learning)—no one was able to attend this month’s meeting, but R. Piercy talked with Dianne Kay who will attend out February meeting
- Registration for French Immersion will be coming out—there will be public meetings, “Everyone At Their Best”—they are open to members, but Dianne will be here in February to answer any questions we may have
- **Vandalism**---Still waiting for installation—we are receiving more cameras that we thought, and we’ll send out more information when it becomes available

#### **New Business:**

- PSSC money of 314.92. must be spent—W. Carr suggested could use next year’s budget to send someone to the symposium
  - o Could also use it for food, guest speakers, something of interest to school community/parents
  - o Maybe school signs, monitors for lobby area
- School profiles are now on the district website
  - o Parents can now see the information
  - o Data is from last year—the report gets updated once a year
  - o There is now access to other school profiles

**Round Table:** nothing to add

**Adjournment:** 7:03 pm L. Dawson