



**SCHOOL NAME: Liverpool Street Elementary**

**Address: 50 Liverpool St**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: February 27, 2025 Time: 6:15pm**

**Location: Microsoft TEAMS**

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b>  Nicole Bethune, Chair  Victoria Lord  Ameera Faridi  Fiona Watters  Erica Fanjoy  Ibrahim Bhaukaurally</p> <p><b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b>  Colin Curry  Erin Wilson, Vice Chair  Amin Choroomi  Steve Clarke  Sabina Thapa  Claudia Mundee Hitchcock  Rebecca Minor</p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b>  Kelly Parks, Principal  Jennifer Kelly-Milner, Vice-Principal  Keri O’Leary, Teacher Rep.  Thomas Geburt- DEC Chair</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b></p>
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**Call to Order: by Nicole Bethune, seconded by Victoria Lord**

**Approval of Meeting Agenda: Nicole Bethune, seconded by Victoria Lord**

**Approval of January minutes: all in favour (7)**

Meeting agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Welcome
3. Approval of agenda – addition of New School Questions/Concerns
4. Approval of January minutes
5. Old business:
  - PSSC budget \$1000.00- PEX board for playground – see Principal Report
  - Handbook – see Principal Report
6. New Business:
  - Principal Report
7. Closing Comments

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## New Business:

### Principal Report

February 27, 2025

#### 1. PSSC Budget update on communication board and handbooks:

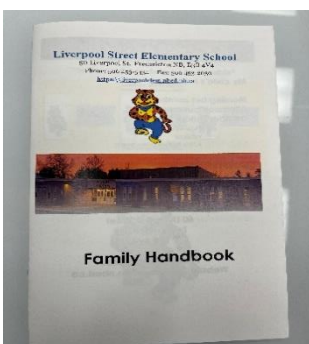
**Pecs board-** The Picture Exchange communication boards arrived.

- Facilities was very quick to put them up for us the same day they arrived.
- One is place on the back of the school by the gym doors and the second is on the side of the farthest white shed.
- They have been placed at child eye level for easier use



**Handbook-** The family handbooks are being printed at Covey office supplies. The \$500.00 dollars got us 250 copies.

- These have arrived and have already been in use during a new parent meeting just this past week.
- Great to have to be able to easily spread the important news about the school for families to know
- If PSSC would like a copy to view, we can send one home with your child.
- Mr. Geburt has asked for a digital copy sent to him
- Having the first page as blank made it much easier to fill in who their classroom teacher was, bus information, etc..
- This parent was able to use her phone to take a picture to translate into her language.



#### 2. **Curriculum** – our curriculum has changed to the Holistic this year. In each of the curriculum outcomes we now have “Big Ideas” versus specific curriculum outcome. Our teachers have been working with many different groups to help deliver many different big ideas in Science/Social Studies in specific. The have used many activities offered through the Center of Excellence.

##### **Center of excellence activities:**

Many of our teachers have signed up for several of the activities put out by our dept. of education team, the center of excellence. They are a team who partner with education, community, and industry partners. Centers connect students through virtual and experiential learning.

- skilled trades and manufacturing
- energy
- health-entrepreneurship
- digital innovation
- language learning

Under skilled trades and manufacturing:

**Sugar Shack:** A Masonry Experience This hands-on building challenge will introduce learners and educators to techniques and vocabulary needed in this iconic skilled trade. Learners will build sugar shacks with “bricks and mortar”, exploring the skills and craftsmanship that masons implement in their everyday work. A Grade 3-5 LIVE Event - Wednesday, February 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information and to register for this event, click here.

Gingerbread houses: can you build an energy efficient Gingerbread House? Hands on building while learning how to be energy efficient.

- Where do potatoes come from?
- Piggy banks –learning about money, finance

**Sports Hall of Fame** ambassador in our school in grade 4 and 5

-**Indigenous Art work** in grade 2

-**Saint John Ambulance** – read with McGuire the dog- coming every Thursday.(social emotional learning)

-Science students from UNB-“ **Let’s talk science**” in to do hands-on activities with our students.

-STEM activities with **Worlds UNBound**.

-We are receiving a 3D printer from Brilliant Labs- printer makes 3-D objects that are bendable.

-STU students working on reading with our FI classes. They take small groups of students to do reading interventions one on one and in small groups.

-Retired teacher coming in to grade 5 class to teach Math with Mme Kelly. They create lesson plans together and have students doing math projects to extend their learning.

-District leads in Math, Art, Technology, Phys Ed, French Immersion, English language arts, science, have put out PL that many of our teachers have attended. Our AST teacher has also attended many PL sessions which has helped with data collection in Literacy and Math and working towards our school goals

-we had an assembly for Pink Shirt day where we incorporated our WIG goal and growth mindset. The students were invited to chew gum and think about a stretchy brain versus a brick brain where they can set their minds to accomplish a goal or work on something they can’t do “YET”. It was very enjoyable and the students were very engaged.

-working with Gr 4 & 5 students on their upcoming provincial assessment. We are coming up with a plan on how to help them practice and support the students so that they can not have anxiety around the assessment. ESS teachers will be in each classroom to help support the students as they are using their laptop for either practice sessions or the assessment itself. We received accommodations for students which is wonderful – helping them with translation, writing answers for them, etc. We are hoping this helps them feel more at ease. The assessments are multiple choice only so there is no requirement for typing/spelling skills – they simply click the correct answer. To help ease the possibility of test anxiety, we have been discussing these assessments for many months as well as using the laptops & similar testing to the multiple choice so that they are well prepared and at ease. Our student leaders have been bringing many activities into each classroom REST & RECHARGE, HEALTHY EATING and next we are working on JOYFUL MOVEMENT – hopefully these will all help students be more

**Update on new school:** Mr. Geburt sent sheets saying we were approved for the 2024-2025 school year so it will not be listed in the new schools. DEC has indicated that the site will be on the location that Liverpool is currently set at. He also had a meeting with Assist Dept Minister in late January regarding the location and for it to be secured. Unfortunately, it has not been settled with the city as there are a few trees on the location that are designated species at risk so we are not 100% sure the site is set (could be an animal or plant – we are unsure). Due to the amount of growth within the population and construction of new buildings/residences that poses a trouble to find where to place the school. The other issue is access to that area for building – how will they get to access it? All of these issues are hopefully going to be reconciled by mid year. When Mr. Geburt has news he will share it with the committee. Projected for 510 students with max capacity of 643.

**Next meeting:** March 20, 2025 at 6:15pm

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:** DEC Symposium in Fredericton May 30-31. Agenda was sent by email so please look it over. Mr. Geburt can include 6-8 PSSC members to attend. Please submit names of those interested by April 30<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Geburt so a draw can be held to choose who will get to attend.

**Date of Next Meeting:** March 20, 2025

**Adjournment:** 6:58pm

**Motioned by :** Nicole Bethune, **seconded by** Ameera Faridi