



SCHOOL NAME: Liverpool Street Elementary

Address: 50 Liverpool St

Parent School Support Committee

Minutes

Date: Nov. 23, 2023 Time: 6:15pm

Location: Microsoft TEAMS

PSSC Members Present: Colin Curry, Chair Erica Fanjoy, Community Rep Afsana Shuchi Steve Clarke Cassia Clarke Fiona Watters PSSC Members Regrets: Melissa Verheyen Erin Wilson, Vice Chair Sabina Thapa Kristy Short Azza Osman	School/DEC Representation Present: Kelly Parks, Principal Vanessa Moore, Vice Principal Keri O’Leary, Teacher Rep. School/DEC Representation Regrets: Mr. Amgad Hanafy
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Call to Order: by Colin Curry at 6:18pm

Approval of the Agenda:

- **Approval of the Minute: Colin Curry_seconded by Erica Fanjoy**

1. Old Business-

- slide has been removed on large play structure and a railing has been put up. A new slide has been ordered.
- No issues with dumpster since the new placement.

2. Chair- Colin attended DEC meeting at Bliss Carman- news to share. There was no discussion on Policy 713. The 2 things he felt important to bring back was in their budgeting process. They are having to take from various budgets wise to cover other services/needs and this is unfortunate as it takes away from services our students need. The other big topic covered is about the new Holistic Curriculum and how it is being implemented over the next year into schools in the province. Colin then asked where Liverpool is in the process of implementing this new curriculum. Liverpool did not jump on board with the new curriculum this school year. We needed a chance to go through the new parts of the curriculum and how the changes will affect each grade level and subject. It is

changing daily in some areas. EGLA has been implemented in Gr 2 Prime and Grade 2 & 3 in FI. This was implemented in September of this year. The change of this area alone has been a lot for the teachers to be implementing along with the assessments that need to take place. Further discussion was made about the new school going in on the Northside, as well as some zone boundaries that may be changing to accommodate the new schools being built.

3. Member- Amin Choroomi has stepped down from our committee as he has a lot on the go at this time.

4. Principal Report

1. Student Leaders- One or Two students from each class sit on our student leadership team. These students take some ideas and items back to their classrooms to discuss and make decisions as a class. The leaders then bring them forward at our meeting with Core Leadership. This gives student voice in our school.

Month of Nov. students met for the first time and took a survey back to their class about hot lunch items, school mission statement and lazy 8 breathing. We are working on size of the problem. They also had a job to do for our Remembrance Day assembly. They read what Remembrance Day means to them. This was compiled as a class. Our next meeting will be held on Dec. 6.

2. Picture re-takes took place on Nov. 6 – we are waiting for our photos.

3. Remembrance Day assembly- Amazing! Mrs. O’Leary’s Glee club sang, Mme Medcalf’s class sang, student leaders presented what Remembrance Day means to them, all classes made wreathes to hang at front of gym, Pass the poppy video was made with a few students from each class and a poppy was passed in each row of students as the video played.

4. Phys Ed- Guests in to work with our students- Special Olympics, wheelchairs arrive next week for wheelchair basketball, Badminton Jamboree.

5. Field trips in Nov- Grade 4 and Grade 5 – trip to Science East.

6. Student Wellness survey is being completed now. A survey also went home for parents to complete as part of this Student Survey.

7. Teacher perception surveys are on-going for the month of November.

8. Drama as started at Liverpool. Our play is “The Lion King”. Mrs. O’Leary is our director for drama. Dates for the show is May 6. This is for families and our school to watch the drama production.

9. PL- Report Cards is tomorrow- Friday Nov. 24

10. Report Cards will go home on Dec. 4.

11. All ASDW Principal are attending a PL next week on 4D training.

12. Grade 3 sports happening after school as well.

13. Our bilingual grant that we applied for was successful.

14. Month of December:

-Movie Night Dec 1

-Book Fair Dec. 4 to 8

-Parent-teacher interviews- Dec 7-evening, Dec 8- morning

-Practice at Liverpool for Christmas concert

-Dec 12- Christmas Concert- 10:00am -students will leave Liverpool at 9:15am

-Last Day before winter break- Dec 22

-Students return to school on January 8.

-Dec 13, 14, 15- Christmas shopping at the Liverpool Store

-Next PSSC Jan 18.

Next meeting: Jan. 18, 2023 at 6:15pm

Tentative dates for meetings:

Jan 18, 2024

Feb 29, 2024

April 18, 2024

Business from Previous Meeting:

With the PSSC budget, after the work we did on the PL Day that focused on our SIP, the group that was working on our Pyramid of Interventions found that resources were not kid friendly and easily visible. This correlates with our positive behaviour model that we currently use. These would be nice gentle reminders to the students that are presented in a positive way instead of a negative (ie – instead of “don’t run in the hall” we use “walking feet please”, etc.) Would the PSSC be ok with supporting this in helping us create posters that are Student Friendly that use friendly language to help students know/understand the expectations that we have set within the school. The larger size posters would need to be printed using an outside source where they would be so large & in colour. We would need 1 poster in each of the 15 classrooms that we have, plus the other spaces like the Library, Gym and Music Room. These would also be 11x17 in size and be durable. Projected cost of \$100-150. As a committee, please think about if you would be ok with spending part of your budget on this project. Steve has people that he will contact to see if they can offer help to cut the cost of these. We will discuss this further next meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Cassia brought up that another parent asked her about the increase of behaviour on the playground during recess time. She was wondering how quickly staff are responding/reacting to these situations and how many staff are outside at one time?

Mme. Parks said that we have 3 duty teachers outside with the bright duty vest on, as well as 12 EAs – although they do not wear the vests since they are responsible for particular students during that time. We are all trying to come back from Covid years and learning how to interact with each other. Prior to this year we have had zones, split recess times, time on/off the playground for certain classes. Mme. Parks just finished going through to each classroom to remind students of the rules on the playground. That games such as TAG and Manhunt or play fighting should not be played at school where students become very hands on during these activities. We want all students following the rules so everyone can be safe. Core Leadership reviewed the Playground Data to see what things need to be implemented to keep recess time safe. We will trial doing a 2/3 side & 4/5 side for the month of December and they will swap each week. This will help us to keep eyes on students and watch certain behaviours. The staff have gone over common Playground Rules so that everyone is on the same page when on duty (what is acceptable and what is not).

When students are brought in for a behaviour, what happens? Students are brought in to talk with Admin about their actions and how they could be harmful, hurtful or about the choices that are being made. Sometimes students will fill out a reflection sheet about their actions, sometimes students will get a yellow slip sent home to make parents aware of the situation, other times they may lose their recess time to reflect. There are times when situations need to be investigated to get the whole story before action can be taken. We look at is this a first incident or perhaps the third or fourth incident with that student? Each situation is taken on an individualized basis.

Our school is focusing on the Zones of Regulation and this is really helping us to teach the students strategies of how to handle their emotions in different situations. We have calming buckets in each room, posters and our Guidance Counsellor, Miss Bass, does specialized lessons with the students. This helps us have a common language used within our entire school. We want students to know that mistakes are ok and they happen – but we have to learn from them.

Correspondence: none

Closing Comments: none

Date of Next Meeting: January 18, 2023

Adjournment: 7:09pm

Motioned by : Colin Curry