



Parent School Support Committee Minutes

School name: Lincoln Elementary Community School

Address: 2475 Lincoln Road Route 102 Lincoln NB

Location: Multipurpose Room

Date: Nov 24th 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

<p>PSSC Members Present:</p> <p>Samantha Reed, Chair Kristen Sisco, Vice Chair/Secretary Morgan Logan, Teacher Rep Thomas Lewey, Parent Rep Kentrina Jenkins, Parent Rep Melissa Simmons, Parent Rep Erin MacRitchie, Parent Rep Courtney Storey, Parent Rep April Handrahan, Parent Rep Deidre Chown, Parent Rep Laura Long, Parent Rep Lyndsay Simpson, Parent Rep</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets:</p> <p>Linda Dempsey-Nicholson, Community Rep Amber Rumble, Parent Rep</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Wallace Carr, DEC Fern Touchie, Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</p>
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Call to Order: 6:07pm

Approval of the Agenda:

- Approved by Courtney S
- Seconded by Deidre C

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Approved by Samantha R
- Seconded by Kristen S

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Naming of School Driveway** – Questions were sent to Mary Wilson (MLA) and Chris McMorro (LEG). A follow-up email was sent last week to request the responses for this evening. There has been no response. Approval letter from PSSC is required to move forward.
 - Playground enhancement tie in?

- Waiting for responses to questions
- **Decision on Virtual Meeting times** – Would we like them later? Did we want to plan for January and February as virtual or wait to see about weather? In person meetings are 6-7pm.
Plan for a virtual if storm at 8:00pm.
- **PSSC Handbook** – Email sent to members - Questions/Clarification
- **Handle With Care** – Some students with family consent have started using the card.

New Business:

- **DEC Report – Wallace Carr**
 - Education Plan – Nov 15th Survey closed. 6500 responses received. A session with all teachers in the province got together. Fredericton was only 35, which is a low number. % of goals – 10 year plan had 90% .More realistic 80% than 90%. (18 pages)
 - Since 2010 steady decline - 83% to 56% There was a literacy lead in each school at that time.
 - 3x K-8 schools being built in Oromocto, a few old schools being demolished.
 - Thriving education system – all schools need access to the same resources
 - Holding students back – retention – studies have been done that the second year needs to be different than the first year. Working paper now with EECD for holding students back.
 - Major adjustments are needed with the education system
 - Provincial assessment results are online
 - Inclusion Policy
 - Pilot PL days in the WEC (2 PL days a month)
 - Training teachers in the new curriculum
 - University students – new curriculum should be taught
 - April/May – What we learned session for Ed plan in June
 - Budget EA – 1000 EAs – continues to grow each year. Over budget again this year.
 - Transportation – 800 000 in the red
 - Benefits – 500 000 in the red (due to increase in EA jobs)
 - Library workers – 2.5 million in the black
 - Ministers forum on Monday Dec 1 in SJ – impact on AI in classrooms/recruitment and retention/Classroom absenteeism/Updating 322 Inclusion, 323 Partial Days, 715 Policies
 - Meeting with the Minister (DEC members) - Breakfast and lunch programs are not equal across the province/ Infrastructure growth and management
- **Principal's Report – Fern Touchie**
 - School Improvement Planning Day Recap – Nov 10 met and talked about goals
 - Math Fluency Routine – Pilot between schools (Hubbard, Summerhill, Sunbury West). Grades 3-5 are currently doing it and will be adding Gr 1-2 after Christmas. Meeting with teachers on December 10. Parents will be informed by the teacher on where the student is at.
 - Annual School Progress Report
 - Chronic Absenteeism Protocol
 - Development of School Based Team
 - Official role out is in January – 5 days doesn't seem like a long time, but it is so caught early enough then things can help. Meant to be a connect and care.
 - Email to parents from ASD-W coming

- Academic Support Teacher – EECD requesting data from literacy and numeracy. Role has changed over the 4 years. Working with classes and small groups. Looking to expand the role.
- Report Card Writing Day
- K-5 Student ROARS Committee – Met on Nov 14th to discuss wants/needs for Outside play
- PBIS - \$1000 for Year 3
- Professional Learning for Staff
 - Dr Parissa Bunin – Naturopath – Stress Management
 - Andrew Culberson on Dec 5th – Adult Trauma
 - NLead – Administrator PL – Mentoring New Teachers/Enhancing the Learning Culture through PLCs
- Report Cards – Reviewed by Admin and then sent out on Dec 1st.
- Parent Teacher – New online booking system this year
- Book Fair
- December Events – Grinch Visit, Santa Visit, Theme Days
- Art Nights – Nov 25 and Dec 2
- Clubs – STEM, Lego, Chess
- Presentations – DIAR on Nov 28th,
- Holiday Concert – Rental for sound system
- Clothing Drop off – For those in need by Dec
- LECS Clothing Order – New ordering method online. Open all year. For the Dec 8th Deadline Fern will pick up order from Instant Imprints and bring to school.
- Health Promoting Schools – Looking for a parent representative who might be available afterschool on Thursdays sporadically throughout the year. Focus is on Mental Health.
- School Cash Online – Comes out too early and parents are ordering too much. December milk is ordered 3times. Multiple orders. Not consistent fee for items (percentage). Is there another program that would benefit the school without paying a fee. Popcorn is \$1.25. Rather pay cash. Geary has Home and School that collects money for hot lunch/events.
- Hot lunch – soggy and not enjoying the food, price. Ruth and Fern have been talking about changing things in January, it really comes down to volunteering needs. Oromocto schools might pull in Wendys, pita pit – but you pay for more. Johns unlimited was a quick fix – it was always something that was a pilot – it doesn't sound like it is working for many. Chicken burgers, wedges and garlic finger – big hit.
- Donation – provide a checkbox for orders. Receipt for donations at school? Help paying for students that can't get popcorn, special event days, etc. Can this be done over school cash.
- School District Cash Online – donation? Send link out to parents.
- Can Curious Kids who are registered for K be added to school cash?

Correspondence:

Closing Comments:

Date of Next Meeting: January 19th 2026 – Virtual 8PM for Storm

- **In person** – Feb 23rd April 20th, May 25th
- **No Meetings** – Dec, March, June
- **Total of 7 meetings (minimum is 6)**

Adjournment: 7:59pm