



## Parent School Support Committee Minutes

**School name:** Lincoln Elementary Community School

**Address:** 2475 Lincoln Road Route 102 Lincoln NB

**Location:** Multipurpose Room

**Date:** Jan 19, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 pm

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b></p> <p>Samantha Reed, <b>Chair</b>  Kristen Sisco, <b>Vice Chair/Secretary</b>  Nance Hetherington, <b>Teacher Rep</b>  Kentrina Jenkins, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Melissa Simmons, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Erin MacRitchie, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Courtney Storey, <b>Parent Rep</b>  April Handrahan, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Deidre Chown, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Amber Rumble, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Linda Dempsey-Nicholson, <b>Community Rep</b></p> <p><b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b>  Thomas Lewey, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Laura Long, <b>Parent Rep</b>  Lyndsay Simpson, <b>Parent Rep</b></p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b>  Wallace Carr, <b>DEC</b>  Fern Touchie, <b>Principal</b></p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets: .</b></p>
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**Call to Order:** 6:05pm

**Approval of the Agenda:**

- Approved by Courtney Storey
- Seconded by Deidre Chown

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

- Approved by Kentrina Jenkins
- Seconded by Kristen Sisco

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- **School Cash Online Questions** – Handouts for PSSC Members (if wanted). There are no other programs at this time to use for online purchases with the district.
- **Naming of School Driveway** – Still have not received answers to questions. Not sure where this stands right now.

- **Health Promoting Schools** – April Hanrahan has offered to sit on this committee this year.

## New Business:

- **DEC Report – Wallace Carr**

- Documents sent via email to PSSC members
  - Dec Report
  - Provincial Assessments
  - Provincial Report Card
  - 2026-2027 Capital Budget
- Minister's Forum – Full day with Department and Minister in the afternoon.
  - Impact of AI
  - Recruitment of Teachers
  - Education Plan – draft coming. Final by June 2026
  - Chronic Absenteeism
  - Policy - Inclusive Ed; Physical Restraint and Seclusion. Policy 323 (Partial School Days)
  - Minister – Budget and long-term projections. Education and Health will be top priorities in the Budget.
  - Breakfast and Lunch Program – Not universal program. Some schools do not have the equipment to store. Run by students and staff. Lunch program will be a funded 50-50 model. It will not be like the NS model. Buying equipment for those schools that do not have equipment. Those schools that have good lunch programs now can stay but will give some funding.
  - Infrastructure – Capital Budget – Dec 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Roofing, heating, etc repairs
  - EA update – 963 EAs funded for only 800 something
  - Doak Rd School – should be projected enrollment of 650
  - New School Designs will not have any early learning centers. Talk of these being separate buildings on the property.

- **Principal's Report – Fern Touchie**

- School Improvement Plan Update – Data Monitoring - Since September K 92% showing growth, Grade 1 is showing growth at 28 % and grade 2 is showing 56% of growth.
- 5 Year Principal Renew Interview – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Hot Lunch Parent Survey Results & Proposed Hot Lunch Program for Fall 2026 from GNB. Send survey out to parents to see what items they would like to see on the menu. Need to follow Policy 711 (Nutrition Policy).
- PBIS Update – Onboarding Packages, Swag, Book Study, Assemblies, ROARS wall almost filled up for whole school celebration
- Early and Late French Immersion Parent Sessions – Jan 21 and 26 online 6:30 – 7:00pm
- Gym Sound System – Consult on Friday with Signature Sound. Quote for an easy new system is approx \$2000 through Long and McQuade.
- Spell a Thon & Math a Thon Fundraisers – Parents wondering about trophies for students
- Technology Purchases – update some new laptops and ipads
- Upcoming Professional Learning for Staff – Enrichment, PBIS (Coregulation), Technology
- Upcoming Events –
  - UNB Reds Men's Hockey Team Visit/Game Night - K- 5 can bring skating gear that day (9-11am - hour slots)
  - Pancake Breakfast – January 22

- Worlds UNBound STEM club – January 23 start for 6 weeks
- TNB Velveteen Rabbit Performance – February 2
- PJs and Yoga – February 9
- Chess Tournament – February 12/17
- Skating at Kings Arrow
- Lindsay Valley Sliding Party – February 24/26
- African Drumming Presentation – February 24 (reschedule)
- March Break → March 2-6
- **PSSC**
  - Spending of \$750 by end of March
  - Ideas – Zen Den or Sensory Room items; Parent Information Night? Decision to make at next PSSC meeting. Take a tour of both rooms tonight after the meeting. Fern to send photos from Fredericton Library’s Sensory room for ideas.

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

- **In person** – April 20th, May 25th
- **No Meetings** – Dec, March, June
- **Total of 7 meetings (minimum is 6)**
- **Plan for a virtual if storm at 8:00pm.**

**Adjournment:** 7:28pm