



**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**School name:** Lincoln Elementary Community School

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

**Location:** Multipurpose Room

**Date:** November 27th**,** 2024

**Time:** 6:30 pm

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Robyn Okane**, Chair**  Samantha Reed**, Vice Chair**  Clay McGee**, Parent Rep**  Linda Dempsey Nicholson**, Community Rep**  Open Position, **Parent Rep**  Nance Hetherington, **Teacher Rep**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Student Rep.**  **Others**  **PSSC Members Regrets:** | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Fern Touchie**, Principal**  Wallace Carr**, DEC**  **School/DEC Representation Regrets:** |

**Call to Order:** 6:31pm

**Approval of the Agenda:**

* Approved by Robyn Okane
* Seconded by Samantha Reed

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

* Approved by Robyn Okane
* Seconded by Clay McGee

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

* **Catchment Letter for LECS**
  + Touch base with David in January 2025
* **PSSC** 
  + Budget suggestions ($740)
    - PBIS support (ROARS slips/prizes)
    - Sensory Room ideas (Jobs Unlimited created one for about $1000. Linda is on board and we could come see it).
    - Outside sign
  + Parent Information Night Suggestions – RCMP/Guest Speaker re: Behaviour
  + Linda Dempsey Nicholson – Offered to be our Community Rep for our PSSC

**New Business:**

* **DEC Report – Wallace Carr**
  + Dates – Council DEC Chair Dec 4th, New Minister in January, DEC Symposium for PSSC Chairs in May
  + New DEC policy coming out – been reviewed twice. ER-5 Positive learning Environment
  + New School hours and Busing – 3 sessions for public, 2 sessions for teachers/staff. Porter Obrien to report back end of January. Parents need to complete survey (1 IPO address)
  + Buses – Hired 15 floating bus drivers (over all in district ) 12 in OEC, 30 hr work week. Helping with shortage lately. Waiting on 12 new buses.
  + Recruitment for October – Supply teachers – hired 32, EAs – hired 18, Custodians – hired 13, Bus – hired 4 (7 attended classroom training) Some denied in these positions.
  + Notice of Action against DEC – Filed statement of defense
  + Weather day process – Schools have 5 day plan in place. When those 5 days are used up they need to come up with 5 new days.
  + Budget – Reporting a deficit of 2.6 million. Global budget is 3.11 million. Concerns – Teachers (2 million in the whole). We are over 12.3 teachers in province (enrollment). EAs/BIM – over budget (130 positions over budget) due to large demand in Kindergarten this year.
  + New minister – committed to grade 1 FI entry point staying and expanding the Grade 6 entry point.
  + GNB- Recruitment, Nutrition for students, Infrastructure and Resources, Leave DECs alone
  + Provincial Assessment results (Wallace will send along the stats)
    - Grade 4 English – 58% to 76.6% Grade 6
    - Grade 6 English – 69.2% to 79.1% Grade 9
    - Grade 5 Math – Trend is down
  + Report Cards Report – Results are much better
  + 5 year contract for David McTimoney (Superintendent)– June 2030
  + Flag poles – Flag protocol – if there are 3 flags – Canadian/New Brunswick/Union Jack or Acadian. The plan was that the third flag pole would be Indigenous Flag.
* **Principal’s Report – Fern Touchie**
  + Provincial Assessment Reflection
  + Career Day tomorrow – Griffin Helicopter landing at 8:30 am
  + Recent Systems Concern - EA positions not getting picked up
  + Construction of Chaulk board for our Outdoor Learning Space – Al Crawford and Cole Stewart
  + EECD Data Pull – Tiffany Bastin – Budget re: Academic Support Teachers
  + EYE-DA – 25 Kindergarten students registered for 2025
  + Fundraisers – Java Moose ($800), Scott’s Nursery
  + PBIS - $1500 plus additional $4000 (book study (Beyond Behaviours), matrix signage,supply days for PBIS team to complete behaviour lessons for classes, possible tshirts for all students)
  + School Signage – Kier Marketing to share
  + Inclement Weather School Plan- Sent to district office
  + Parent Survey – As of November 22nd we only had 24 parents complete (15%)
  + Consultation for Bell and Busing Schedules – Survey was sent out by Paul MacIntosh. They are accepting feedback until Dec 20th.
    - Parent Sessions:
    - Monday, December 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Nashwaaksis Middle School Theatre
    - Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Oromocto High School Theatre
    - Tuesday, December 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Fredericton High School Tom Morrison Theatre
    - Porter O’Brien has already begun examining the history of Wednesday/Friday afternoons and preparing for the consultation. A final report sharing findings from the consultation is scheduled to be provided to ASD-W at the end of January.
  + **Events:** 
    - Report Cards Monday Dec 2nd
    - Parent Teacher Dec 5th and Dec 6th
    - Reindeer Craft Dec 11th
    - Airport Choir Dec 13th
    - Holiday Concert Dec 17th (19th)
    - ROARS Prize Draw Dec 20th

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:**

* + Select dates for all PSSC meetings for the year – Jan 22nd, Feb 19th, March 19th, April 23rd, May 21st (social for all parents – get new families involved- key speaker)

**Date of Next Meeting:** Jan 22nd, 2024

**Adjournment: 7:37pm**