

Northrop Frye School PSSC Meeting Minutes



June 2, 2022

Attendees: Elizabeth Blakney, Tara Glencross, Amanda Pearson, Michelle Johnson, Janica Bernard, Ryan Francis, Natalie Ward, Jennifer Silk

Regrets: Dianne Breau, Pam Nacpil

Items	Motion	Second
1. Call to order – 18:05 by Natalie		
2. Agenda - sent around by Natalie.		
3. Approve minutes for April 27, 2022 - Add Pearson to Amanda’s last name and sent to Janica.	Janica	Natalie
4. Picnic tables at school entrance - Natalie wanted to know if they are being repaired - Janica confirmed that the tables are part of the wellness program for school staff. - Tables have been moved while waiting to be repaired. Wood needs to be delivered.		
5. School safety protocol post-Covid - Jennifer wanted to know if doors to the school would remain locked post-Covid and Janica confirmed that they would be. - In the wake of a recent school shooting in Texas, we discussed the importance of not calling or going to the school when the school is in lockdown. It hinders the administrations ability to communicate with the police and do their job. - Provincial and District safety protocols are followed.		
6. Pollinator program interest - Natalie is willing to lead a pollinator program for the school. \$500 worth of funding is available for a school program. - Janica said there are too many students with allergies and would not want to have more bees around the school that could cause a reaction.		

<p>7. Welcome package for families fall 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is suggested that a letter regarding parking and drop off be sent as part of a welcome letter to families at the beginning of the school year. - Janica said that she will continue to be outside at the drop off every morning. 		
<p>8. Crazy hair day - is it inclusive?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It should be kept in mind that this activity could leave students out depending on their culture or an illness. 		
<p>9. Movie night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People acted as if COVID no longer existed. It was a large gathering and masks were not required nor worn by most participants. - There is fear that if this ended up being a super spreader event, that NFS could have ended up in the news or social media. - It was brought up that there were a lot more participants than expected. Parents are excited to get out with their children and they need to decide what they are comfortable doing with their families. - Although it would have been easier to determine the number of participants if the event could be paid for using School Cash Online, Tara confirmed they decided against it in case the event needed to be cancelled last minute. Refunding money would be difficult. 		
<p>10. Updates from Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School improvement goal is still math and interventions are being done with Resource Teachers and Christina Tondevold. - Online assessments just finished <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - grade 4: science and French - grade 5: math and literacy - Diversity presentation with MAGMA was cancelled, but they will come back. Assembly Committee did a presentation. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous Day is coming up. On June 15th Tracy Landry will come in to talk about Mi'kmaq practices and games were sent to teachers leading up to field day. - Ryan wanted to know if Tracy Landry was of Indigenous heritage and part of an Indigenous Community. He also wanted to know what games were sent to teachers. - Janica confirmed that Tracy Landry is of Indigenous heritage and in the role of First Nations Education/Diversity and Equity Coordinator and presenting to schools is part of her portfolio. The games are all approved by the district and involve physical activity. There are 33 games, and the document was sent to the PSSC. *Amendment – Janica confirmed on June 23rd that Tracy Landry is a settler who follows the Indigenous ways and practices. - Grade 5s transitioning to Maplehurst Middle School. There will be a parade for them on June 15th and an assembly on June 21st. - On June 24th there will be an assembly recognizing the rest of the students. - Spirit week is June 6 to June 10th and funds will go towards recognizing the grade 5 students. - There are currently 709 students registered for September. Numbers are up from the previous year. Request for portables is done in December. The tech lab will be used as a classroom for the next school year. If we run out of space, people moving into our school zone may have to go to Evergreen or another school. 		
<p>11. Evaluation form – Sent by Natalie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of the PSSC went through the evaluation form together and agreed on what to include. 		
<p>12. Adjournment – 19:15</p>	<p>Michelle</p>	<p>Elizabeth</p>