



BLISS CARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
615 Kimble Drive
Fredericton, NB
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Parent School Support Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 19, 2026

PSSC Members Present: Jamie Yeamans, Jillian Lackey, Elizabeth Kearns, PSSC Members Regrets: Loreigh MacKay, Victor Bobarnac, Kate Smith-Palmer	School/DEC Representation Present: Chantale Cloutier, Principal Gretchen Murray, BCMS Teacher School/DEC Representation: Charlotte Burhoe
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- 1. Call to order @ 6:00PM:** Jamie Yeamans
- 2. Approval of the agenda:** Motioned by Elizabeth
- 3. Approval of Minutes of November 24 meeting (shared in meeting – 5 minutes):** No changes or omissions needed, motioned to approve by Jamie and seconded by Elizabeth.
- 4. Principal's report: (shared in meeting – 15 minutes):**
 - Gift Card fundraiser received about \$3500 from families so they were able to support about 6 families during the holiday season with their choice of turkey, ham, or halal chicken meals to choose from.
 - Document for new (potential) Doak Rd school was sent out for approval; the document was approved and is now in the hands of the DECH. Concerns remain that the increase in student enrollment that we are currently seeing and are predicted by the City of Fredericton are not reflected accurately. Department of Ed predicts 585 students, which does not support the growth that is seen.
 - Long term recommendation for outdoor learning: K-8 schools recommended to be provided with outdoor learning opportunities and recommendation for additional PE time at the middle level as students are only receiving it twice a week. Parks NB was funding opportunities for students to get access to outdoor learning (Ex: Mactaquac and New River

Beach) but the funding has been cut and students are spending limited time learning outdoors because of it.

-Psychological Safety PL that Mme. Cloutier went to will be used in next staff meeting to pass on knowledge to teachers about what this looks like and how to use it effectively.

-SIP data will be collected and reviewed at next staff meeting in order to monitor progress and report will be provided to PSSC at their next meeting.

-Modulars (Portables) will be installed at Bliss for the 26/27 school year at the back of the school with a hallway from the school to prevent students from having to go outside. Core leadership team will decide who will be out there next year. As of right now, those portables will allow for teachers to each have their own classes instead of larger class sizes with team teaching.

- 5. DEC Report:** All SIP's are in the DECH Portals, next meeting will review the Ed. Spec. Document (master document that explains every detail of what the school will look like, what will be included in it, etc.). Security and Cameras have been installed at Forest Hill Elementary School (by the school, with funding support from other government departments) to protect students/staff from potential risks that are happening on school grounds outside of school hours. Required cleanup of the school grounds appears to have decreased significantly since installation.

6. Other business:

- a. New School Planning Update – (Principal Cloutier and PSSC Chair): New Liverpool School has been approved to be built behind the current school, but it will be multiple stories to fit on the land behind the current school (where the baseball diamond is, backing onto the forest).
- b. Kimble Drive Crosswalk Issue – (Principal Cloutier and PSSC Chair): Parents need further training on how to enter and leave the school property safely. Maintaining respect for the new crossing guard is crucial as his priority is to manage students' safety, not traffic. We are hopeful that he continues to work for Bliss. Inconsistencies with bussing is creating more vehicle congestion.

7. Date of Next Meetings:

March 23, 2026

May 25, 2026

- 8. Adjournment:** 6:35 Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth