



**BLISS CARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**615 Kimble Drive**  
**Fredericton, NB**  
**E3B 0N4**  
**Parent School Support Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 6, 2023, 6:00pm**

<b>PSSC Members Present:</b>  Angela D'Entremont , Dale Chisholm (chair), Amber Gilliss (Secretary) Ronnie Stewart (Vice Chair) Hanin Omar  <b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b>	<b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b>  Chantale Cloutier, Principal  <b>School/DEC Representation: n/a</b>
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- **Call to order @6:03pm**
  - Motion by Dale
  - Seconded by Ronnie
- **Approval of the agenda**
  - Motion by Angela
  - Seconded by Ronnie
- **Approval of the minutes from previous meeting (November)**
  - Motion by Ronnie
  - Seconded by Angela
- **Business arising from the past minutes:**
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- **Business:**
  - PSSC Budget - \$1689 +/-
    - Going to the purchase of a cell tower. There is no cell service in the building, what if there is a lock down, communication/safety.
    - Spending the balance on paper.
      - Unanimous approval.
  - PSSC Chair Meeting Update from Dale
    - New Immersion Plan: A lot of negative opinions, not well received. A little heated at times.

- Discussed the new plan: 50/50 K-6, 60/40 7-9 and Highschool requiring a set number of courses to complete.
  - People unhappy with the lack of choice, neurodiverse students, English second language, PD students were not being considered.
  - Obvious Teacher shortage.
  - Hanin told us about her childhood in her home in the Middle East, her school taught English, French and Arabic – never an issue as a kid – however how did the parents feel? It would be nice to offer an optional multilingual stream.
  - Current students grandfathered in original FI
- **Correspondence:** n/a
- **Principal's report:**
- Population: 661 – 213 Grade 6, 229 grade 7 and 219 grade 8
    - 26 homerooms, one team coaching
    - 2023/2024 – may need portables.
  - Scott Parks .8 VP
  - Jamie is teaching too....
  - Zach Lakes teaching tech class.
  - EAL tutor Vacancy (English 2<sup>nd</sup> language)
  - Parent Teacher Conference in December.
    - Virtual – most people chose this option.
    - In-Person – preferred.
    - Phone
  - Annual Report – School Improvement
    - Strength – Classroom Practices
      - Tying learning to real life situations
      - BYOD (bring your own device) I pads are also available.
      - Lessons posted on teams
    - Growth
    - NB Global Competencies
    - Problem Solving/Entrepreneurial
    - Recognition Assemblies
      - Monthly Theme: (Social/emotional)
        - February “Friendly February”
          - Daily tips
          - Promote healthy relationships
  - Budget \$20,000
    - Requirement: furniture, phys ed, art, science
      - Desks for extra classes
      - Kidney Tables, bookshelves, round tables, cafeteria speakers (current ones dead) saw at Costco.
      - Class supplies
  - Wellness Week: February 27 – March 3
    - Dress up, activities, sign up for some....
  - Social Media
    - Currently use: Instragram, Twitter, Facebook and school messenger.
  - Teacher Appreciation Week: February 13-17<sup>th</sup>

- Destination Week is the theme
  - Different country every day, coffee & donuts, lunch...
  
- **DEC Report:**
  - No Dec representative
  
- **Other business: Drop Off and Pick Up Issues**
  - Ronnie brought up the on-going issue with drop off and pick up. Chantale had the plow contractors come back to widen the entry to the school and has sent out a couple of emails addressing the lack of patience at drop off and pick up.
  - No longer have a crossing guard – taken to Liverpool. Technically middle schools don't qualify for a crossing guard. However, the cross light button died. It has since been replaced.
  - Students were complaining about the lunch room separation. It was due to noise levels, and mess. They're now separated by class. They will loosen restrictions again hopefully successfully.
  
- **PSSC Fund - \$1800**
  
- **Date of Next Meetings:**
  - March 20th – virtual
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> – (reschedule) in person
  
- **Adjournment @ 7:11**
  - Motion by Dale
  - Seconded by Amber