



**BLISS CARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**615 Kimble Drive**  
**Fredericton, NB**  
**E3B 0N4**  
**Parent School Support Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 5pm**  
**BCMS Library**

<b>PSSC Members Present:</b>  Ronnie Stewart (Chair), Amber Gilliss (Secretary), Effat Sabry, Mohamed Badawy, Ahmed Ouf, Iman Abdelmoaty, Sara Moharrum, Jamie Yeamans  <b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b> Hany Mahmoud	<b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b>  Chantale Cloutier, Principal  <b>School/DEC Representation:</b> Amgad Salem
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- **Call to order @5:05pm**
  - Motion by Ronnie
  - Seconded by Amber
- **Approval of the agenda**
  - Motion by Amber
  - Seconded by Ronnie
- **Approval of the minutes from previous meeting (June)**
  - Motion by Amber
- **Business arising from the past minutes:**
  - Na
- **PSSC Orientation/Introduction:**
  - Introduction of members:
    - Ronnie Stewart has served as a member of the PSSC at Forest Hill, Liverpool and now Bliss Carmen.
    - Amber Gilliss works at UNB, started out involved in Home and School, serving at both Forest Hill and Liverpool as president. Joined PSSC in September 2021, has one son in grade 8.
    - Efat Sabry is from Egypt, has a girl in grade 6.
    - Mohamed Badawy works at UNB and has two daughters at Bliss, grade 6 and 8
    - Ahmed Ouf has 6 children, two are presently enrolled at Bliss, grade 7 and 8. The family lived in Dubai for 20 years, then to Ottawa in 2019 and NB in 2021. Has

joined PSSC to support children and the community. Better communication with the community and immigrant students/parents. Learn and share our cultures and values.

- Iman Abdelmoaty is also from Egypt and Ahmed's spouse.
- Sara Moharrum is from Egypt. She's a communications coordinator with two children enrolled at Bliss
- Jamie Yeamans works for the provincial government and has a daughter in grade 6.
- Chantale is from Edmundston, a French community in northern NB. She's worked in the education system for 31 years. Taught all grades from 2-12, UNB and STU (local universities) Worked for the department of education and now at Bliss. She's been here since 2011 serving as VP for 8 years and principal for the last 5. Chantale plans to retire from Bliss.

○ Elections.

- Chair – Ronnie Stewart nominated by Amber, seconded by Jamie – all yes
- Secretary – Amber Gilliss nominated by Jamie, seconded by Ronnie – all yes

○ Quick orientation, discussion of the handbook and general what the purpose of the PSSC is, discussing policy and communication. We are all voting members, except Chantale.

- Quorum required, with 9 members we need a minimum of 5 to have a meeting.
- Typically, 6 meetings per year
- This year we want to review the school mission statement, is it still in line with the values of the school etc.

▪ **Principal's report:**

○ **Enrollment for 2023/2024** – always changing.

- 6 Prime (English) – 83, 6 FI (French Immersion)- 85
- 7 Prime – 104, 7FI – 97, 14 late immersion
- 8 Prime – 139, 8 FI – 100
- School is full, if we have additional registrations, we will need more teachers/staff.
- Presently 25 home rooms, 65 staff.

○ **PL Days (Professional Learning)**

- Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – Department of Education organized.
  - Positive Environment at School: reviewed data on school behaviour school involvement, wellness, how we track behaviour.
  - Concerns: Defiance/Disrespect and Disorderly conduct are the issues noted. Is this dealt with at class level, school level?
  - 246 incidents last year - not considered a lot. We consistently score well in this area.
  - Who reports an incident? Teachers/EA's/Other Staff
  - Can a parent report an issue? YES – reported issues are investigated.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> PL Day – Department Organized
  - School Improvement Plan – Bliss's 2 goals:
    - School connectedness
    - Academic Engagement
    - How are we building on these?
      - Club Extravaganza's dedicated a day to presenting all the extracurricular activities Bliss offers and inviting students to join.

- Student Forum, on Oct 11 a student chosen from each class is meeting with Chantale and the VP's to talk about connections, engagement, growth and mental well-being from their perspective and suggestions from the students on how to improve all these topics.
  - BCMS Open house on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> was a big success, lots of parents and students attended.
- **DEC Report:**
  - No official report as the first meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup> at Bliss Carmen, all encouraged to attend – 6:30pm in the cafeteria.
  - Bliss Carmen received the #1 in Canada Entergy Star Rating.
  - So far Bliss has been lucky with teacher coverage – no issues, not that way at all schools.
- **Other business:**
  - School Bus Concerns for New Maryland – some of the kids waited for 45 minutes for the bus, the bus is late daily, it is due to construction – however that's not acceptable with no information. We advised parents to reach out to ASDW transportation with their concerns.
  - TBA: topics of discussion to follow from our new members.
- **Date of Next Meetings:**
  - DEC Meeting: Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – all are welcome.
  - PSSC Meetings:
    - November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – BCMS Library
    - January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - Virtual
    - February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - Virtual
    - April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – BCMS Library
    - June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – dinner out TBA
- **Adjournment @ 5:50**
  - Motion by Ronnie
  - Seconded by Amber