



**BLISS CARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**615 Kimble Drive**  
**Fredericton, NB**  
**E3B 0N4**  
**Parent School Support Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Teams Virtual Meeting**

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b></p> <p>Ronnie Stewart (Chair), Amber Gilliss (Secretary), Effat Sabry, Mohamed Badawy, Ahmed Ouf, Sara Moharrum, Jamie Yeamans</p> <p><b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b> Iman Abdelmoaty</p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b></p> <p>Chantale Cloutier, Principal</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation:</b> Wallace Carr</p>
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- **Call to order @6:34pm**
  - Motion by Ronnie
  - Seconded by Amber
  
- **Approval of the agenda**
  - Motion by Jamie
  - Seconded by Amber
  
- **Approval of the minutes from previous meeting (November)**
  - Motion by Jamie
  - Seconded by Ronnie
  
- **Business arising from the past minutes:**
  - PSSC Budget spending decision
  
- **Other Business**
  - **Volunteers for cultural evening**
  - **EECD Recommendations**
  - **Cyber Security Presentation**
  
- **Principal’s report: (Shared in meeting)**

- **PSSC Budget \$1760.99 – to spend by March 31<sup>st</sup>**
  - Brochure cannot be complete prior to the deadline of March 31, potential for 2024/2025.
  - Cultural night – they have enough funding - \$700.
  - Bliss Carmen is asking for funds to go towards the new sound system they have installed. The original one was damaged, and they have gone without one for a while. Scott Parks (VP) priced and booked a BOSE sound system, ceiling mounted, cage secure, blue tooth compatible, lifetime investment - \$9986.00. PSSC has \$1760.99 – voted and approved.

\$0 from the district – however Wallace Carr would bring it up at the next DEC meeting as there should be funding.
  
- **Planning**
  - The survey looking for feedback on Bliss Carmen’s Mission/Vision statement went out the Bliss community. It closes on Monday.
  - They are going to share this same survey with a selection of Bliss students.
  - The Core Leadership team will review and come back with a refreshed Mission/Vision statement.
    - They got an email from a parent RE the survey. They said they can give their perspective as they are not there, they only know what their child shares, or what’s sent in email communications. They are truly not equipped to answer.
  
- **Wellness Week:**
  - **Feb 20-24**
  - Linda Morehouse – retired social worker, is making a virtual presentation for free for the Bliss students. Stress Management, Anxiety, and strategies for students.
  - Wellness activities daily in AIT and lunch
  - Friday afternoon is off timetable – they are playing virtual Bingo, always a hit and lots of activities for students to preregister for. Perhaps they’ll try something new to them and find a new hobby.
  
- **Cultural Night**
  - **March 20<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30**
  - This is set to be an open house format, tables set up from various volunteers representing their culture, through pictures, food, art etc. Emails have been sent to the Bliss Community for people looking to help represent.
  - Unfortunately, it’s noted that March 20 falls within Ramadan (March 11-April 10). There are budgetary restraints with the funds provided (require spent and items on hand by March 31)
  - Sara Moharrum advised that sunset is 7:30, therefore they could attend.
  - Ahmed advised that it would be dependent on some families and their celebrations during that time and a restriction on food etc.
  - Chantale is taking this back – however due to the budget restraints we may not be able to reschedule. This is something we will note for future cultural nights.

- **Staff Appreciation**
  - Chantale, Jamie and Scott organize with the participation of Home & School as well.
  - Theme: Warmer Destinations
    - Mexico, India, Paris, England, and Ireland
  - Staff and students are treated to fun, staff have snacks provided for them, lots of fun for all.
- **NB Lead PL**
  - NB Lead refers to the New Brunswick Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program. It is designed to foster leadership skills and personal growth among young people in New Brunswick, Canada. Participants engage in workshops, community service, and experiential learning to develop their leadership abilities and contribute positively to their communities. The program aims to empower youth to become effective leaders and make a difference in their surroundings.
  - March 27/28 Peter Dewitt Speaker
    - A former K-5 public school principal turned author, presenter, and leadership coach, DeWitt provides insights and advice for education leaders on the Finding Common Ground blog. He can be found at [www.petermdewitt.com](http://www.petermdewitt.com). He is on Twitter @PeterMDeWitt.
  - Hannah Beach (widely respected – Chantale has suggested the district use her) She is the co-author of “Reclaiming our students” Their group is reading the book and having a debrief on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - About the book
      - Children are more anxious, aggressive, and shut down than ever.

Faced with this epidemic of emotional health crises and behavioral problems, teachers are asking themselves what went wrong. More importantly: What can we do about it?

    - [FOR EDUCATORS AND CHILD-FOCUSED PROFESSIONALS - Hannah Beach](#)
  - **ASDW: Franklin Covey Publication – School Improvement Plan**
    - 4 Disciplines of Execution for Educators
      - Focus on the Wildly Important
      - Act on Lead Measures
      - Keep a compelling scoreboard.
      - Create a cadence of accountability.
  - **EECD (Education and Early Childhood Development)**
    - Completed the questionnaire for building a better education system. The recommendations for New Brunswick’s English Prime and French Language learning programs.
      - **See attached**
- **DEC Report:**
  - **Introducing Wallace Carr**

- DEC Vice Chair who covers multiple schools in our district: Sunbury, Gagetown, Burton, Geary, Forest Hill and now Bliss. Thank you, Wallace, for your devotion to DEC.
- **Other Business**
  - Jamie: Are there still offsite events for the Principals Meetings?
  - Chantale: Yearly, last October it was in Moncton, this year it is in Fredericton. Last year it was the same presenters as were at the ASDW. This year they are organizing it.
- **Date of Next Meetings:**
  - April 9 – 6:30pm – In Person – BCMS
- **Adjournment @ 8:04**
  - Motion by Ronnie
  - Seconded by Amber