



BLISS CARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
615 Kimble Drive
Fredericton, NB
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Parent School Support Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
BCMS

<p>PSSC Members Present: Ronnie Stewart (Chair), Effat Sabry, Mohamed Badawy, Ahmed Ouf, Iman Abdelmoaty, Jamie Yeamans</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Amber Gilliss (Secretary)</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Chantale Cloutier, Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation: Wallace Carr</p>
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- **Call to order @6:15PM**
- **Approval of the agenda** – Ahmed Ouf & Mohamed Badawy
- **Approval of the minutes from previous meeting (October)** – Jamie Yeamans & Ahmed Ouf
- **Business arising from the past minutes:** None
- **Principal’s report: (Shared in meeting)**

Provincial Assessments

- French Oral Proficiency Interview test completed grade 6 students randomly selected by EECD. Week of April 8.
- Literacy(English and French), Math and Science literacy to start week of April 25th. New platform this year. All done online. Results are sent to Principal usually in December.

Data

- Integrated Students Survey results received in March.
- Core Leadership data walk tomorrow April 24th. This will help determine School Improvement goals as we start creating our next SIP to be uploaded by end of June.
- Mission and Vision activity completed at end of June. Reviewed by Core Leadership Team. We feel that the data collected still aligns with our current mission and vision therefore we will keep

it as it. We did feel however that we need to put more emphasis on the Arts as prior to Covid. Next steps for 2024-2025.

MISSION STATEMENT:

In an inclusive, collaborative environment, Bliss Carman Middle School's mission is to promote a culture which values personal growth, self-worth and lifelong learning.

VISION STATEMENT: "Working together to achieve excellence in Academics, the Arts, and Athletics"

Presentations

- Our grade 7 and 8 students attended a presentation on Cyber Security on March 18th by Griffin Higgins from the Canadian Institute of Cybersecurity. It is our hope to bring our Cybertitans to visit the center in the near future and even spend some time with Griffin.
- Cultural Evening at BCMS: Get to know your community! Huge success and well attended by our newcomer population.
- BCMS Heritage Fair also on March 22nd. Huge success!
- District STEAM Fair: many winners from BCMS and previous BCMS students!

Staffing

- I receive the EA allocation for next year....13 EAs. This number is concerning to us due to the needs in our school. I have expressed my concerns to District ESS team yesterday but have received no response yet.
- No other information on staffing received yet including staffing allocation.
- My 5 year contract and Jamie Chiasson's has been renewed for another 5 year following individual meetings with Mr. McTimoney, Darla Day(DOS) and HR.

Transitions

- We are currently working on transitions for our grade 5 students and our grade 8 students. The Liverpool transition is complete with the others scheduled in the next weeks.
- May 24: Grade 8 students tour to FHS.
- June 3: Grade 5 students to BCMS
- Our projected enrollment for September 2024 is 613 with 24 homerooms. We do expect this number to keep growing over the summer.

Year End Activities

- Most year end activities are already scheduled. We are doing our best to keep cost down this year and asking minimum from families. Inflation is affecting all cost of supplies and transportation.
- **DEC Report:**
 - Shared about the Ministers Education Awards.
 - May Celebration at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.
 - Shared some information regarding the DEC budget including the number of teaching staff and EAs that this would cover.
 - Shared general information regarding a new school in planning.

- Carleton K-8 design specifications are approved.
 - Planned for 612 students with a 920 capacity.
- Discussion regarding a new policy for PSSC funds being implemented.
 - The new policy is designed to allow for any type of spending with a few exceptions. This differs from the old policy that only allowed for spending on specific items.
- Shared that the District Office would soon be moving to a new location in Knowledge Park.
- Share information and significant discussion regarding the proposed new hours for NB schools beginning next year.
 - With the current plan the classroom hours at BCMS would run between 9:20AM-3:40PM.
 - The doors would open about 10 minutes before the first bus.
 - The first bus arrival 9:00AM and school open at 8:50AM.
 - The PSSC members shared how this change would negatively impact their families and the families of others with children in the public school system.
 - The children would need to be home alone while parents go to work in the mornings creating a safety concern.
 - It will not be possible for many parents to accompany their children to the bus stop creating additional safety concerns.
 - This will negatively impact the ability for the children to participate in afterschool activities because there will be fewer opportunities after school with BCMS (and other schools).
 - Community sports, clubs and other activities are all scheduled around a 3:00PM dismissal. There will not be enough hours in the evening for the children to do these activities.
 - The school day (including bus ride) will be significantly longer for some children.
 - The DEC member heard these concerns and shared that he would take them to the next meeting.
 - There is a meeting scheduled for May 1st where the changes are on the agenda.

- **Other business:**

- **Date of Next Meetings: June 4, 2024 at BCMS**

- **Adjournment**