

PSSC Meeting: Feb 10, 2026

Start time: 7:35 pm

Members in attendance: Katherine Loughrey, Katie Everett, Karla Roy, Emmeline Pinnock, Sherry MacFarlane, Kristy Brawn, Ruth Eden (Dept. Of Education Rep.), Lisa Cerasa, and Emily Jane Kelly

First, the minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and discussed by Lisa. Then, Katherine gave an overview of the topics of discussion for this meeting: the budget of \$1,000 for the PSSC and what it could be spent on, updates to the bathrooms at the school, that Emmeline will talk about assemblies, and Ruth will talk about the Education plan and awards.

We talked about where the budget money could be spent. Katherine suggested it could be spent on the Portage Atlantic to do a presentation at the school about addiction, alcohol use and mental health, since they presented a few years ago and it was well done. Last time they asked for a payment by donation. Katie suggested a presentation about online bullying and harassment might be beneficial for the school also since she recently saw one done at another school by a local police officer.

Lisa put forward a motion that the \$1,000 be used for one or more educational presentations to the school. This motion was passed. Lisa confirmed she would write a letter to finalize that.

Katherine discussed the plan to buy brighter lights for the bathrooms at the school and also paint the bathrooms. This work is expected to be completed over the March Break.

Emmeline discussed the Valentine's Day dance planned for Friday the 13th, the assembly about responsibilities and the importance of kindness.

Katherine talked about the government of New Brunswick's commitment to provide healthy lunches to all school aged children. There is expected to be a subsidized lunch program in place starting next school year and this will be done through Chartwells. Also, the Government of New Brunswick is funding the Breakfast Program at the school, starting this year. This includes high school students getting breakfast foods in the cafeteria, breakfast foods getting delivered to classrooms for elementary students and several snack baskets in the school. The Fredericton Food Bank is our food depot pick-up location.

Katherine discussed the literacy theme based around food this year; the value of gathering with others to read and eat. There was Family Literacy Day and the Book and Bagel school event. She also talked about the Second Semester Assembly that included attendance awards. Higher attendance is a goal of the province and the district. 3.6% of students at the Stanley School had perfect attendance so far this year.

In February there will be student awards focused on rewarding kindness. There is an assembly planned for February 25th for Pink Shirt Day.

Ruth discussed the new Education Plan Consultation Report put together by the Department of Education based on extensive feedback from citizens. The report can be read on the

Department of Education website. She talked about the upcoming Excellence in Education awards and how people can nominate educators for the award.

Meeting was completed at 8:35 pm.