

PSSC Committee Meeting

October 7th 2025

The Blue Room at Stanley Consolidated School and Teams Meetings

Attendance in person: Sherry Macfarlane, Katherine Loughrey, Emmeline Pinnock, Thomas Geburt (Chair ASD-W DEC), Emily Munn, Kristy Brawn

Attendance virtually: Katie Everett, Lisa Cerasa, Karla Roy

Absent: Andrew Bruce, Sylvia Thibodeau, Melissa Loney, Peter Fullarton

Agenda for today: review roles and responsibilities (Katherine); Understanding The PSSC – Highlights from the Handbook Presentation; supporting education through collaboration, based on the education act section 32 (1). Also, the PSSC membership structure: 6-12 members, majority must be of parents of students, 3 yr term for members, which is renewable once. PSSC meetings are public and anyone can come. The meeting dates for this school year are set as: Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Feb 10, April 14, May 12 (6 meetings a year)

The session began with Katherine Loughrey reviewing the previous meeting's minutes, which included updates on various school initiatives such as the playground application, volleyball courts, and a successful coffee fundraiser. She introduced new attendees and confirmed the agenda focused on the roles and responsibilities of the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) and the school improvement plan. Loughrey emphasized the PSSC's role in connecting parents, schools, and the community to enhance educational support, highlighting the committee's composition and its advisory function regarding school-wide issues.

A member of District Education Council attended and discussed the paid role that is still available. It includes meeting 10 times a year. The individual needs to live in subdistrict 10 and attend meetings at the schools assigned, as well as deal with policy governance.

Katherine provided an overview of Stanley Consolidated School, noting its K-12 structure and commitment to personalized learning, French instruction, and community engagement. She discussed the school improvement plan, which aims to address recent declines in math assessment scores by integrating innovative teaching strategies and increasing family and community involvement. Additionally, she outlined the district's three-year school plan targeting improvements in literacy and mathematics, while also stressing the importance of safety, health, and respectful behavior within the school environment.

The discussion included updates on the renovation of community sports facilities, with basketball and volleyball courts nearing completion, and plans for a grand opening. Katherine raised concerns about the playground's condition and suggested community involvement for repairs. She also introduced a new support declaration form for parents and confirmed the next meeting date for November 4th, encouraging attendees to submit questions or agenda items in advance.

Katherine discussed the strengths of Stanley Consolidated School, including its small class sizes, vibrant school spirit, and a variety of extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs. She noted the successful

integration of French instruction in early grades and the positive impact of community involvement, which fosters a supportive environment for students. Additionally, she mentioned the partnership with UNB nursing students, which has led to valuable health education initiatives.

She presented the district's new three-year school plan, highlighting goals for a 3% increase in literacy and a 5% increase in mathematics. She noted the plan's focus on safety, health, and respectful behavior in schools, addressing ongoing behavior issues. Loughrey encouraged attendees to review the plan online and consider how it aligns with their own school plans.

Katherine Loughrey discussed the need for repairs to the playground, particularly the swing sets, which are at risk of not passing inspection due to encroaching dirt. She proposed involving volunteers and parents in the repair efforts. Loughrey also indicated that reaching out to local businesses for support could help fund the necessary improvements.

Meeting ended at 8:24 pm.