



**SCHOOL NAME:** Stanley Consolidated School

**Address:** 28 Bridge St., Stanley, NB, E6B 1B2

## Parent School Support Committee Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 **Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** Teams

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b> Peter Fullarton, Chair Sylvia Thibodeau Karla Roy Sherry MacFarlane</p> <p><b>PSSC Members Absent:</b> Ashley Munn</p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b> Katherine Loughrey, Principal</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Absent:</b> Chris Harquail, DEC Audrey Pinnock, Student Rep Kristy Brawn, Teacher Rep</p>
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**Call to Order:** 7:30pm

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved without changes.

**Approval of the Minutes from December 14, 2022 Meeting:** Approved with no changes. *Motion to approve Karla, seconded by Sheri, with correction to Karla's title.*

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** N/A

### New Business:

- **French Immersion Consultation:** Peter provided a verbal summary of the ASD-West PSSC Chair consultation on the proposed changes to French immersion. The proposed changes have subsequently been discontinued.
- **Breakfast Programs:** Peter asked about SCS status in provincial plans to roll out a program to all schools in NB by 2025. SCS is one of only a handful of schools not yet selected by the

Department of Education for participation. The Breakfast Club of Canada program was noted as a possible source of support in the interim. SCS has a long-standing breakfast program that has been well resourced through fundraising; however, largely due to COVID these funds have become more limited. It was noted that the Just for Friends Food Bank works closely with the school. There was also a discussion regarding teaching students how to grow food. Sherry indicated she would be willing to volunteer in support of such an initiative.

- **SCS Update:** Katherine noted that things are going well overall. The Artsmart program for 3-5 and Building Blocks Literacy for K-2 were noted. SCS was in the last group of skills to implement the Essential Skills Program, which saw all 12 Grade 10s participate, and is going well. Next year we expect to have 0.5 FTE to support this program. School numbers are projected to decrease next year as more are graduating than have signed up for Kindergarten at this point. As of today it looks like 1 class for every grade level. A new popcorn machine has been purchased for the school, to be used for events and fundraisers. New furniture continues to be ordered, and \$200 per teacher has been allocated for their classrooms. Mr. Valk is back, and he and his students will be making and selling garden sheds.
- **PSSC Budget:** PSSC budget of \$700 needs to be spent by the end of March. Eligible expenditures were discussed and Katherine shared a document with more details. Peter raised the idea of bringing in someone he knows from Portage Atlantic to speak to the students about the dangers of drug use and addiction. This had been planned for 2020 but was not actioned due to COVID. The Committee generally supported this idea and Peter committed to gathering additional information.

**Date of Next Meeting: March 15, 2023 at 7:30**

**Adjournment: 8:30 pm**