

## **Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

Stanley Consolidated School

28 Bridge St., Stanley, NB, E6B 1B2

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025 Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Teams and SCS Office

### ***PSSC Members Present (in person and on Microsoft Teams):***

Andrew Bruce

Kristy Brawn

Lisa Cerasa

Katie Everett

Tanya Moore

Katherine Loughrey

Karla Roy

Sylvia Thibodeau

### ***Call to Order: 7:31 pm***

***Approval of the Agenda:*** Agenda approved with no changes.

***Approval of the Minutes from the December 10th, 2024 meeting:*** Approved with no changes.

### ***Business Arising from the Minutes:***

Katherine gave an update on the digital currency cards for the cafeteria. Cartwells said there wasn't enough interest in the cards to move forward with getting them, after a Facebook poll was created and 89 people voted and the majority were in favour of it. Katherine will follow up with Cartwells to get clarification on what requirements are needed to show enough interest that Cartwell will move forward with it.

Mr MacFarland has started an after school cooking club for middle school children at the school. It is after school every Monday. The grade 11 and 12 students will have opportunities to develop their cooking skills in their curriculum this semester.

There are now two grade one classes. The new teacher has been hired and has started work at the school. Katherine reports that it is going well; that the kids seem more relaxed and ready to learn.

Karla gave an update on the WIGs (Wildly Important Goals) initiative. It has started, all students from kindergarten to grade 12 are participating. Last year the WIGs program was focused in math for students in kindergarten through to grade 5. It was a successful program so it has been expanded to every grade this year. It has started with each student choosing a personal goal that can be achieved by Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and 2 things they can do every other day to achieve it. Everyone has an accountability partner. In four weeks a celebration will happen and data will be tracked to see the the success rate in each classroom.

Then two rounds of academic WIGs will be set in March. The first will be March 12-April 23, then April 30 – June 5.

Tanya gave an update on the cost of risers for the school. Currently the risers used at the school are borrowed from another school. Tanya got a quote from Staging Canadell. Risers that are six feet long and have three levels (8 inches off the ground, 16 inches, and 24 inches) and a safety rail, and have room for 36-48 people are quoted as costing \$6,072.58.

Katherine recommended opening an account for donations and talking to the Friends of SCS for fundraising ideas.

Katherine and Lisa met with district and the community last week. There is a three year plan and \$150,000 initiative to improve the basketball court, add a run track, and upgrade the playground in stages. The Nashwaak Rural Community has committed to paying for the engineering plans. The Regional Development Corporation is committed to matching any regional funding and the district will support grant writing. The Nashwaak Rural Community has recreational funding and is interested in helping.

Chris Harquail has resigned from ASD-West district council. Council is looking for someone to fill the role from now until the spring of 2026. It is a paid position that involves public meetings once a month within ASD-West, attending one meeting a month in Fredericton, and three PSSC meetings per school (with five schools total). For anyone interested, Thomas Geurt is the contact.

Three hydroponic towers have arrived at the school for the indoor gardening and science curriculum.

***New Business:*** none

***Date of Next Meeting:*** March 18, 2025, 7:30-8:30 pm.

***Adjournment:*** 8:30 pm