

**McAdam Elementary School**

**29 Rose Street**

**McAdam, NB**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date: November 19th, 2024 Time: 4:40pm**

**Location: McAdam Elementary School**

**Call to Order: 4:46pm**

**Approval of the Agenda: Janessa Keenan**

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Amy Savoy**

**Attendance: Amy Savoy (Chair), Serena Bedford (DEC Member), Janessa Keenan, Heidi DeMerchant, Scott Cousins (Principal), and Heather Kilbride (Teacher Rep)**

**Absent: Michelle Porelle, Sarah Faulkner, Tammy Little (Community Rep), Kaylee Robertson, Julie Day, Erica Scott (Teacher Rep), and Sherry Norton**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**New Business:**

* DEC Updates – Serena Bradford
* Public meeting coming up this Thursday. She will provide update at next meeting. Starting the talk around the scores of the standardized testing that are coming back.
* Hot topics: bussing shortages, teacher shortages of casuals for filling vacant positions
* Public forum with bussing for Wednesday/Friday (due to ½ day in Fredericton/Oromocto). Late for students to be getting home, getting to school, etc.
* We don’t have half days, and elementary sporting is often scheduled for Wednesday afternoons – Serena to bring that up at meeting
* Principal Updates:
  + School Clothing Update
* Tried to get Kaylee but her prices were about double the price than a place in SJ
* Orders are already up on School Cash
* Possibly get Kaylee to put a picture of the train on mugs to sell
* Grand opening of the playground went really well
* Some concerns about train structure: the gap between platforms and it being open at one end
* Scott to reach out to the company
  + Nov. is Respect and Diversity month
* Guidance Counsellor coming around to each classroom weekly to give lessons
* We will have an award at the month end assembly for a student from each class that displays respect for Diversity
  + Book Fair Week – Dec. 2 – 6
* This is the week of report cards
* School gets a cut back for all sales made
* Kids will go in with teachers to look at some things they may want their parents to get them
* Teachers will each have a classroom wish list that parents can buy from
* Parents encouraged to come in and purchase
  + Christmas Concert
    - Dec. 17 @ 1
* Tammy said she is happy to come and help decorate/bring decorations
* Some tress in the entry way is a decoration idea
* Use stuff from Christmas float for decorations
* Maybe use the gingerbread house
  + - Storm Date – Dec. 19th @ 1
  + PE – Skateboard Training
* Scott is borrowing skateboards and all the safety equipment from district
* They are coming Friday to train Scott who will then teach the 3-5s
  + Train Station Visit – Nov. 21st @ 10:30
* Going in two groups starting at 10:30
  + Outdoor Education - Encourage Movement: Cross-Curricular Outdoor Learning
* This is one of the 10 pillars of education
* You can put your name forward to get grants – Scott talked with Erica and Kelsey on coming up with a plan to get some funding ($7500+). This is due Friday, so they are going to put our schools name forward
  + Numeracy Lead working with teachers and students
* Lead was out today working in 3-5 classrooms and met with K-2 team
* We are gathering data before making a specific goal, but we are trying to make improvements and alter the way we are teaching to help bridge the gap of fact fluency
  + Nutritional Literacy - $1000 available – Any ideas?
* Grow tower – might need fixed
* New version of the grow tower – Farm Project ($799 for the tower)
* Indoor/outdoor gardens
* Having a cook come in

**Correspondence:**

**Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday January 14, 2025**

**Adjournment: 5:17pm**

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**PSSC Chair Principal**