



**Parent School Support Committee
September 23rd - 6:00pm**

- Call to Order and Welcome – Introductions were made around the room.

Present	Regrets
Arpit Jha Swati Sarin April Dodman Vidhu Jain Carrie Yeamans Mary Diduch Joshua Goguen Ram Bajgai Aman Chawla Abdualah Aljankawey Jennifer O'Rourke-Miller Rebecca Piercy	Shannon Stuart Omotola Dej-Olaopa Marwa Fagir

- Approval of Agenda – Moved by Vidhu and Seconded by Arpit
- Approval of May minutes – Moved by Vidhu and Seconded by Arpit
- PSSC expectations and documents- Rebecca reviewed the expectations. PSSC is a mandated parent group that is run by parents in support of school growth. It is important to have parent's perspective as it is valuable for future improvement. During our meetings, it is important to understand that this is not an area to talk about your individual child as it is about the whole school population of students. If you choose this committee, you must attend at least 4 meetings and sign a declaration form each year. You cannot vote if you do not sign a declaration form. It is also important for confidentiality purposes; you may view data that is still under embargo and is to be kept from the public. In the Education Act, we have to hold a minimum of 6 meetings a year. In the winter, for the months of January, February and March, the meetings will be virtual for practical purposes. During our in-person meetings, we will no longer having a virtual option. This is to ensure that we have active and meaningful participation for accomplishing our joint work.

- Elections – Elections are held each year for representatives. The chair's role is to run the agenda. The vice-chair takes the chair's place if not in attendance. The secretary takes the meeting minutes. Rebecca held the election and the following have been elected;

- Chair : Arpit Jha
- Vice-Chair : Swati Sarin
- Secretary: April Dodman

➤ Principal Report

- We have already had some field trips; Grades 1, ½ and 2 classes have gone or will be going apple picking.
 - Harvest festival came for a presentation with Kylie Fox
 - Sept.18th- First PL day for School Improvement planning
 - Sept 23rd – National Truth and Reconciliation Assembly with guest speaker from Bilijk. Students are also doing orange butterfly activities in class. With our new bulletin board in the lobby, students will also be making their own land acknowledgement.
 - Sept.25th – School Picture day and bottle drive (we will hold a few throughout the year)
 - Sept. 29th – Orange Shirt Day
 - Sept. 30th – National Truth and Reconciliation day, no school
 - 3-5 Cross country has started with two meets already
 - Oct. 8th – Terry Fox Walk around the school, asking students to donate \$1 to raise awareness and fund cancer research
 - Oct. 12th – Thanksgiving, no school
 - We will have a book sale in Nov.
- School Plan 26-27- Our first goal is to become a PBIS school. It is a plan that supports everyone in the building so that everyone knows the expectations both staff and students.
- There are 4 areas of focus – We have a dedicated PBIS team with representation from all grades. We are working on data collection, with staff giving out “caught you” cards to students for following the school expectations and we also use the PowerSchool data as well. We have created a behaviour matrix which clarifies the small expectations in all areas of the school. For example, how we walk in the hallway and hang up our belongings, etc. The idea is to start small and then it gets easier. Finally, we have established a system of recognition in which students can get ‘caught you’ cards, earn stickers, and we will also add in ‘shout-out’ cards. All this data is taken in the office, then when we get to 50 and 100 cards we will have a whole school reward. Language around the system is getting repeated and this creates consistency among staff and students. In the last 3 days, staff has given out 140 “Caught you” cards.

- Question posed of school population and staff numbers, to date we have
 - 14 classes, 7 classes in K-2 and 7 classes 3-5
 - 24 teachers
 - 250 students - District checks numbers weekly in the fall as there is a lot of movement.

In grade 5, Intensive French is 113 minutes a day, spread throughout the year, which is change. This is a positive change as it will allow teachers to teach more than the French and the math as was done previously.

- Our second school plan goal – Two see improvement in literacy and math. With Grades K to 3 for prime and French immersion, we assess and submit the EGLA data. New math initiatives from the district are also planned for this year, with PL to come. We also have a dedicated Academic support teacher.
- DEC News/Report – District education council – We do not have a representative now. DEC members meet on Thursday and have one public and one private meeting. The role of the DEC is to oversee the PSSC.
- Old business
 - Signage for entrance/exits, Lines to be painted in parking lot – The new signs are up.
 - Repaved some of our lines
 - Idea to contact the city counsellor for Ward 10 to get a large flashing speeding sign.
- New Business
- PBIS & what's new this year – See above with School improvement goal
- Round Table Discussion – Discussed the old ten-year plan and the lack of results. There is a concern with lowering the expectations. We understand the concern; however, our graduation requirements are set by the Department of Education. We will continue to achieve the outcomes that are set by the Department of Education.
- Cell phone ban – There is a ban on personal phone devices. To clarify, technology is still allowed for educational purposes and lessons that teachers have.

- Hot Lunch – There still seems to be a lot to work out. Question - Are parents allowed to order milk individually? If parents have questions and there is an email to use, Rebecca will send out the email to use. At MSS, we are seeing roughly 60 to 85 meals a day.
- Last item, we are no longer using Seesaw as it is a platform from the States. We will be using another platform this year with information to follow.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 21st, 2026
- Adjournment: Moved to adjourn, moved by Vidhu and seconded by Swati