



Keswick Ridge School
166 McKeen Dr., Keswick Ridge NB E6L 1N9
Parent School Support Committee
MINUTES
27 March 2023, 6:00 pm

<p>PSSC Members Present: Jeremy Smith, Chair Drew Wilson Scott MacDonald Candace Gilmore Shawna Quinn Justine MacLeod</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Brendan Chase Joel English Amy Crowther</p> <p>Others (Community) Present:</p>	<p>Teacher Representative: Marc Landry</p> <p>Principal: Nathan Langille</p> <p>DEC Representative: (Regrets) Janet Dean</p>
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Call to order: 6:03

Approval of the agenda and minutes.

Teacher's Report – Marc Landry

- Middle school will take an activity-based cross-curricular field trip to UNB Arts Centre.
- Heritage Fair is set for May 31, 1:00-2:00. This is the first fair since before the pandemic, and learning goals aim to catch students up on presentation, public speaking, confidence, research, and other soft skills (e.g. requesting resources via email or in person).
- Mr. Roach is working with middle school on science projects.
- Elementary/Middle school indoor soccer is well attended, with nearly half of middle school students showing up.
- Spring badminton tournament is set for Stanley and New Bandon March 28 & 29.
- Planning is underway for Grade 5 and Grade 8 year-end trips and promotion ceremony. Grade 8 event will likely be a houseboat trip on the headpond.

Friends of KRS Report – Justine MacLeod

- Friends of KRS recently contributed \$2400 to divide among grades for year-end activities.
- With other raised funds, Nathan has sourced five 4x8-ft climbing wall panels for the gym.
- Friends of KRS are provide fresh fruit trays to classrooms on Wednesdays.
- Yard Sale is planned for Spring. This event raised ~\$1800 last year.

Principal's Report – Nathan Langille

- New KRS website went live in February.
- New electrical updates were completed to increase the electrical capacity of the building. Another electrical upgrade will follow ventilation upgrades later in the year.
- Furniture and classroom items ordered with ~\$5000 additional budget this year had to be canceled because of backorders. Nathan rushed to spend most of these funds locally on other needs before the end of fiscal, including gym/theatre light & sound equipment (~\$3000) and maker-space power-tool kits (~\$1000).
- Kindergarten enrollment for 2023-34 is currently 21. As 21 is the class size limit, more enrollments will allow KRS to engage a second K teacher, ideally in early summer.
- PSSC expenditure on three-language Welcome sign was \$281. Remaining \$285 spent on paper for school communications (3 boxes letter size; 1 box legal size).
- School Improvement Planning (SIP) update:
 - o Nathan reports that KRS is on its way to describing the 2022-23 goal as “met,” with one aspect that will carry over into next SIP.
 - o Three new SIP goals are currently being drafted to align with three District Improvement Plan (DIP) goals. The March 24 PL day launched the beginning of planning for 2023-24. Planning will continue with Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) through April and May, aiming for near-completion before the May meeting of the PSSC.
 - o PLCs (K-2, 3-5, Middle, FI, and Core Leadership groups) meet biweekly.
 - o Nathan would like to adopt a three-year improvement plan at the school level, similar to the DIP cycle, to enable data collection and trend identification.
 - o SIP goals are informed by NB School Improvement Indicators as well as ASPR analysis, including results on provincial testing and wellness surveys. KRS results are compared with District data as a starting point, although our small sample sizes make comparisons difficult to interpret.
 - o **Note:** Students on Accommodated or Adjusted Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs) are not exempted from provincial exams, so it’s not unusual for these students to achieve their personalized outcomes with report card grades of 3 or 3+, while also scoring low on provincial assessments.
 - o KRS’s draft goals include one literacy goal, one social-emotional goal, and one physical infrastructure goal, ideally informed by a mission/vision/core values consensus-building exercise involving the PSSC, PLCs, and Student Leadership next year.
 - o Each PLC will come up with its own strategies and actions for each goal.

New Business

- Lindsay Morris is researching parent-school communication platforms for school-wide use.

Adjournment: 7:27