



## M. Gerald Teed PSSC Minutes

October 29 @ 5:30 pm

Attendees	Regrets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emily Blanchard</li><li>• Teri Emrich</li><li>• Julia Woodhall-Melnik</li><li>• Mark Crowley</li><li>• Tanya McGrath</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jennifer Brown</li><li>• Lisa Heppell</li><li>• Elizabeth Vandenberghe</li><li>• Hannah Young</li><li>• Natalie Davis</li></ul>

**PSSC Chair:** Teri Emrich

**PSSC Secretary:** Tanya McGrath temporary secretary, next meeting: Emily Blanchard

### Items of Discussion

- Welcome and introductions
- Electing PSSC positions:
  - Teri Emrich – chair
  - Emily Blanchard – secretary
- Overview of provincial public consultations on key themes and dates:
  - Refocus on learning
  - Enhancing learning environment
  - Addressing well-being
  - Enhancing workforce stability
- Presented PSSC booklet that includes:
  - Agenda
  - District calendar
  - School overview
  - School handbook
  - School improvement plan
- Current and projected enrollments
  - No space
  - Getting 1 or 2 more portables for next year
  - Teachers working out of closets



- School Community and newcomers
  - New system for enrolling newcomer students at District Welcome Centre
  - Gap in “Canadian cultural knowledge” for some newcomers
  - Julia suggested a “Connect by Text” program that pairs newcomer guardians with Canadian counterparts to ask peer ↔ peer questions – will revisit
  - 23 countries and 22 languages represented
  
- Breakfast program
  - Serving 50-75 students per day
  - No space, so must clear staff room and set up eat-in portion
  - There is a grab-and-go cart
  - 3-6 staff members work on the program during arrival time every morning.
  - Program runs from 7:45 am ~ 8:05 am during arrival/Soft Start
  
- Physical address
  - Our address is 151 Black Street currently – this is the back door
  - Some issues with deliveries and emergency vehicles going to back instead of front
  - Working with District Safety Team to get it changed to 99 Daniel Ave. Will update as we know more
  
- Construction/space/tour
  - PSSC members had a tour of the on-going construction including washrooms and 2<sup>nd</sup> portable
  - Portable was ‘signed off’ and then wasn’t...waiting for date that classroom can move from library
  - Library may not be a library this year afterward, as we will need space for staff and students in capacities in addition to homeroom and specialty classes

**Next Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Carry Forward**

- “Text to connect” idea – more discussion
- Mark will send countries and languages within school

#### **Adjourn**