# SCHOOL NAME: Central New Brunswick Academy Address: 7263 Route 8 New Bandon, NB E9C 2A7 Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: April 25, 2023, Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Music Office

PSSC Members Present: School/DEC Representation Present:

Olga Ross, Chair Chris Harquail, DEC

Others: Nora Munn

Barbara A. Long, Principal
Lisa O'Donnell, Teacher

Cassie O'Donnell- Norrad

PSSC Members Regrets: School/DEC Representation Regrets:

**Stacey Munn** 

Wendy Ross

#### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Olga Ross at 6:36 p.m.

### Approval of the Agenda:

Olga Ross requested the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Wendy Ross.

### **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from March1 & 29, 2023, were circulated. The March 1<sup>st</sup> minutes were approved by Nora Munn and seconded by Wendy Ross. The March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved by Lisa O'Donnell and seconded by Olga Ross.

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

An error was noted in the use of the word "hoisted" as opposed to the correct word "hosted" in the March 29<sup>th</sup> minutes. Barbara Long will edit this in the minutes.

Eggs NB donation was discussed.

Provincial Assessment Program has begun.

### **New Business:**

Agendas are being distributed to students during Student Appreciation Week. Barbara Long asked the members if they wanted a little note in each agenda stating they had been provided by the PSSC and expressing appreciation to the students. The members unanimously decided that this was a good idea. The Class of 2023 agendas will have a congratulatory note in it from the PSSC.

#### **DEC Representative Report**

- Chris Harquail informed the PSSC members that the changes to the French Immersion Program were abandoned after consultation with stakeholders. The Minister of Education is going to resume the issue; however, no details have been provided yet. He also stated that a new Education Act is being written.
- A question was asked about Central New Brunswick Academy's merger with ASD-N. Chris stated that there had been no discussion on governance for a bit. It is now back on the table. There is still consideration on CNBA going to ASD-N. There is not a lot of information on this.
- A question was asked about changes to improve English Prime. Chris stated that there was no talk about English Prime.
- The District Education Council is seeking a student representative. There are funds being provided to this representative.

## Principal's Report (Principal, Barbara Long):

- Virtual MADD Presentation involved students in grades 7 to 12.
- Science East presentations are being hosted by the Upper Miramichi Community Library. Each Middle School grade will participate in a session a week for a four-week period.
- Provincial Assessment update was provided, as well as our participation in PCAP (Pan-Canadian Assessment Program).
- Update on Athletics with volleyball.
- Youth Check In Surveys were discussed
- Academy's Got Talent update.
- Possibility of Chartwells providing services in the 2023-2024 school year
- Grade 6 students participating in Hackmatack Reading Club with the Library. Students will be visiting with UMES & DES in Doaktown to be part of an author reading.
- Student Appreciation Week was discussed.
- High School & Middle School changes/reform was discussed.
- Concerns about behaviours on the bus was mentioned. A member asked about cameras.
- The Library has adjusted their hours to accommodate Middle School lunch time. This has increased the number of students going to the Library. One member commented on some misbehaviour at times as witness by her. Administrators will work with the Library staff to address an issues requiring support or intervention.

#### **Correspondence:**

# **Closing Comments:**

Members were reminded that the next PSSC meeting will be on a Tuesday as opposed to Wednesday.

# **Date of Next Meeting:**

The next PSSC Meeting is May 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room

# Adjournment:

Motion of adjournment was made by Olga Ross at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Wendy Ross.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara A. Long, Principal