*Bristol Elementary School*

***Parent School Support Committee***

***October 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm***

***BrES School Library***

## **Call to order: Chairperson**

Present: Brittany Holmes, Kaylie Bulger, Angel Connor (online), Kia Bridges, Madisen O’Donnell, Jessica Shaw, Valerie Carmichael (Community Coordinator), Sue Maxwell (Principal), Sarah Cogswell (Teacher Rep- filling in for Joanne Curtis)

Mark Thompson (DEC rep)- sends his regrets

1. **Updates:**
   1. **Welcome**

Welcome to our new member Jessica\Jess Shaw (Wyatt and Everly’s mom).

* 1. **PSSC – role and responsibilities**

Packet containing a brochure about the roles and responsibilities of the PSSC.

Guidance for the Principal to help run the school. The PSSC does not fundraise. Home and school that meets immediately following the PSSC meetings are able to fundraise

* 1. **Documents**

Please sign the declaration form and hand in to Ms. Maxwell

* 1. **Enrollment\e. Kindergarten Registration**

K registration was 10th-13th of October but people register through the year.

Currently 6 are registered for next year. Two are transfers. It is still early. 14 grade 5s will be leaving at the end of the school year.

Staffing is based on student enrollment. Our numbers are up this year; we have 92 students enrolled. We have six classrooms this year.

1. **Safe Schools**

This week: Tomorrow is bus safety at 1:00. Bus drivers come to help students load and unload the busses safely and review bus safety rules.

Evacuation to our alternate site (fire hall). It starts as a fire drill, and we meet on the basketball court. Then we proceed to the fire hall.

There will be a lock down drill on Wednesday after a review of procedures.

Outside doors remain locked. Staff and students review safety procedures frequently throughout the year.

E-team drill will happen as well. Specific staff are designated to this team and have CPR training and first aid.

There are deadlines for all these drills that need to be documented.

and passed into the district.

1. **Fundraisers**

We have a few that we are looking into. One of our breakfast

volunteers is an avid quilter. She volunteered to make a quilt and we

will sell tickets. Carleton county theme deer\woods\maybe camo.

Art card fundraiser will happen in the spring in time for Mother’s Day. They will be an all-occasion card (with other items available to purchase).

Sue asked the members what they think about something bigger like a drive-in movie on the playground. We would not charge for entrance but

because Sue would love it to be a shared family/school experience with no exclusion for anyone due to cost.

PSSC agreed that it was worthy of trying. Sue will pursue information and costs.

There was a suggestion that a canteen, by the H&S, could be by donation to help with costs. Maybe start with an inside movie this winter in the gym.

We used to do an ultimate experience fundraiser. This was a big money maker. Maybe do this on a smaller scale so the tickets are $5 instead of $10. Maybe an evening with Jeff the chef and a bouquet of flowers.

1. **Student Experiences**

The gaga ball pit that the Home and School helped with, is up and running. The kids love it!

The covered sand pit is built. We are just waiting for sand. Mark Reid (facilities manager) has reached out to a company (Aberdeen Construction), and he may be donating sand. Juniper organics, Carleton north community Foundation, RDC and the town all helped with this project. There were 4 letters of support for this project. Photo opportunities will happen once the sand is in.

March 14th -TNB will be coming.

October 26th - Richard Champagne (First Nations Lead) will be coming.

Our school is participating in a Holistic Curriculum pilot project.

It includes more of Indigenous learning and he will help support outcomes.

River Valley Gymnastics will happen on October 31st and November 1st in

Florenceville as a celebration for Halloween.

Skating will happen three times, starting late in December.

Take me Outside day is on Wednesday. 5 classes will be planting trees.

We want to use some of the money we have raised/donations to provide

special experiences for our students before we close to become a K-8 school.

We would like to go to the Playhouse for Sponge Bob the musical but it starts

at 10 and we can’t make it there in time. Sue is trying to arrange it for our

a area.

We will be going to Camp Shiktehawk for year end.

We could look into going to Science East, Tree Nursery in Juniper,

Hunter Brothers, Sugar Moon, Covered Bridge, Mactaquac, Sleigh Ride

Chip factory, Kings Landing. Magician? African Drumming?

1. **School Plan**

\*See copy in packet. Read it over at home and discuss in further depth at next meeting.

3 main goals: 1. Improving literacy, 2. Improving math. 3. Social Emotional Learning (Student Engagement)

As part of the third goal, we are creating a Bulldog code. Staff came up with letters to represent each. Students came up with pretty much the same thing.

B- Brave

U- Understanding

L- Love yourself

L- Love others

D- Determined

O - Ownership

G- Grateful

Focus on celebrations and leadership opportunities.

Cooking opportunities planned by a leadership group of boys- Halloween dessert.

Literacy- staff book study- Brain Words

Math- Fact fluency program

Math Game night- October 25th- 6:00-7:00, snacks, prizes, math games

1. **Budget Item:**
   1. **Donations**

-$ 200 donation from the Anglican Church

- $75 donation

* 1. **Hot Lunch**

See Hot Lunch Income & Expenses 23\24 in your packet.

* 1. **School Fees**

Remained at $50 per student. This includes the agenda and school supplies.

75 have paid in full. That is 82% of our students. 3 will be paid by outside agencies\volunteers, 14 have committed to pay. We may have to subsize a couple. Some pay in installments.

1. **Items from community or members**

Eclipse steering committee on behalf of the school. It will be here 2:30 in the afternoon on April 8th. There is a contact from each school. There will be a team’s site with curriculum connections. Barb Sharp is putting in an ask to see

if the schools in this area can have a half day off school. They should be chaperoned and have proper glasses.

1. **Next Meeting: November 27, 2023 (on-line)**
2. **Adjournment @ 7:30**

* **\*\*Please note: Home & School begins directly after PSSC concludes.**