**DR. LOSIER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**PSSC MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015**

PRESENT: Vivian Kierstead, Marie Louise Squire, Katherine Flynn,

 Christine Lloyd, Jennifer Cook and Charlene Rutter.

REGRETS: Eileen Bowes, Lisa McNeil.

Reviewed minutes of the last meeting

Business Arising from the Minutes: DEC Dinner in Bathurst – we will need to decide if attending at next meeting on March 24, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- DEC Update – No report.

- HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE – Staff Appreciation Week for February.

 - Valentine’s Day Dance – Supervision and Canteen run by parents.

- PLEP & SIP UPDATES:

**School Improvement Plan** – Language Arts teachers (French and English) have begun using the digital recorders for group discussions; students are receptive to using them, and are demonstrating greater effort.

- SCIENCE FAIR – Starting projects, applying the knowledge learned; will be finished them by March Break.

- MENTAL MATH – Every Wednesday during T Time – David Cripps is assisting teachers unfamiliar with teaching Math

Positive Learning Environment Plan

 - Mrs. Leach continuing to offer the Relational Bullying to grade 7 & 8 girls.

- Web Crew – Working on Boys and Girls nights with the grade 6s.

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Go Girls - Self-esteem and making good choices - meeting with eight grade 7 & 8 girls; New Program - Game On - Leadership skills/problem solving– eight grade 6 & 7 boys to attend.

- Staff mentoring program has begun

- Human fooseball game to start in the mezzanine. (Check out on You Tube).

 Wellness grant provide the money.

Tell Them From Me Data – Our school falls at the Canadian average – overall positive. Students would like more connections with teachers, changes to the cafeteria/lunch time, ability to use phone for research; we are exploring a way to incorporate IPADS to help facilitate learning. Waiting to see how many devices the school can handle (WIFI).

- BUDGET - $751.00; spent $258.30 Mrs. Kierstead asked to spend the remainder - $492.70. on an IPAD to assist with revamping our school website to keep parents better informed. Motion made by Jennifer Cook, Seconded by Charlene Rutter. Motion carried.

- School Website re-vamp coming. May include: videoing students’ presentations; movie review corner with students writing reviews; scores of games; reflections of the day.

**BRAG**

- Basketball teams going well.

- February 12 – Activity Day for Students:

 Swimming; Skiing; Sleigh Ride; Skating; Floor Hockey; fooseball; 3 Point Basketball, etc.

- Valentine’s Dance – February 12.

- February 13 – PD Day – No school for students.

* February 24 – Tuesday – Family Fit Night! Lots of activities for families take part in; fruit trays to be prepared by Cul Tech students
* Recently had Joey Savoy in for a presentation on Plagiarism and Copyright; he talked about research, downloading movies and music.

- Christmas Dance cancelled due to weather. Winter Wonderland dance went

 well.

- Drama Club – good turnout for their Christmas show.

- Student Lounge set up for activities at lunch - Two fooseball games are here. New Ping Pong table ordered.

- Shoe Boxes were all received! Very nice – got before Christmas.

DATE FOR MEETING: March 24, 2015.

 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm