**DR. LOSIER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**PSSC MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017**

PRESENT: Vivian Kierstead, Marie Louise Squire, Andy Flanagan, Sheldon Walsh,

 Darlene Barry.

REGRETS: Charlene Rutter.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** –PBIS – Going to fine tune our Manners Matter initiative; will keep it going as we are noticing an improvement in students’ manners.

- Staff will be doing Professional Learning on PBIS.

- SCHOOL DATA – A little bit below average, compared to other schools, in students who do not feel safe. It is mostly girls. Something staff will have to explore and make a plan

**NEW BUSINESS**

DEC UPDATE – Andy Flanagan

- DEC Dinner in Bathurst – May 1st; inform Brenda Dunnett by April 7th if attending

- SYMPOSIUM – May 6th in Saint John, N. B. – Ten PSSC members allowed to go. Held at the Delta. Submit names to Brenda Dunnett if interested.

- BETH STYMIEST – Retiring in June, 2017. (Superintendent).

HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE– Teacher Appreciation – Dinner provided to staff,

 coffee, Muffins and coffee.

 - Dance held by Home & School.

 - Toby Deveaux – Fitness fundraiser for Aliyah Somers Family

 – raised over $500.

 - Grade 8 Banquet coming up.

- DISTRICT & SCHOOL BASED MATH RESULTS:

 School Average ……….. Grade 6 – 56.45

 Grade 7 – 63.04

 Grade 8 – 70.32

- Math staff continuing to work on areas of weakness; certainly not where we want our students to be, but continuing to perform better than District averages.

- Reflex Math being done with some grade 6s; in addition, grade 6 Math teachers receiving training in a new program for all grade 6 students.

- Jacqueline Pitre (District Math specialist) doing Math interventions for eight weeks (half days).

**UPCOMING:**

- STEM FAIR was held at DLMS today. Have six projects moving on to the District competition – April 1st.

- HERITAGE FAIR – Second week of April at school.

- HAT DAY FOR AUTISUM DAY – March 30th.

- ROOTS OF EMPATHY – Dr. Losier Students and staff are supporting Roots of Empathy with their fundraiser. For every bag of clothes we collect, Roots of Empathy will receive money. Students will be given bags to bring home.

- TWOKAM – April Day where all teachers do activities related to money.

- REMI BOUDREAU – Next week – Bilingual Magician performing for the students, funded by the Bilingual Learning Environment and Cultural grants

- WELLNESS & DIVERSITY WEEK – taking place the end of April; Theme days, end week with Activity Day.

 - Wellness Day Booths: First Nations, LGBTQ, Yoga, Nutritionist, Addictions, etc.

- PARENT TEACHER: March 30 – 4:30 P. M. – 6:30 P. M.

 March 31 – 8:45 – 11:30

- REMAINDER OF BUDGET – Suggested using remainder of budget to purchase long paper for newsletters. Motion Carried.

**BRAG/ACTIVITIES**

- MADD – Presentation to Grade 7 & 8.

- CALTHUMPIANS – Theatre production and songs on being an environmental steward

- LEGION WINNERS – Had poster and essay winners at the District Level

 Jenna Taylor – Jenna’s essay won at the provincial level, and has now been submitted for the national competition

- MENTAL HEALTH SPEAKER AT JMH – 25 students attended from DLMS.

- FLAG FOOTBALL – is being introduced to our students in April. Claude LeBerge will bring flags and balls. Our school will then participate in a tournament

- J. V. VOLLEYBALL – Volleyball Coach – we need one. Looking for someone to

 take one team. Call Mrs. Gilks or Mrs. Kierstead.

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**NEXT MEETING** – May 23rd. Supper together at Riverside Entertainment Centre – 6:15 P. M.

Discussion was held regarding Nutrition Policy - #711 – and the unacceptable results ASD-N has received. Andy shared with the group the movement that is happening toward schools running their own cafeterias in order to be able to better meet the nutritional guidelines. It may be something DLMS would wish to explore when the Chartwells’ contract expires.