**Dr. Losier Middle School PSSC – March 22, 2016**

Present: Katherine Flynn, Marie Louise Squire, Darlene Barry, Charlene Rutter, Jessica Young, Vivian Kierstead

Regrets: Eileen Bowes, Jennifer Cook, Lisa MacNeil

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated

No business arising from the minutes

New Business:

* DEC Update: District Education Council dinner in Bathurst – May 2nd; please respond by April 1st if planning on attending.
* Home and School Update: no meeting scheduled;
* New Report Cards for K-8 students beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Vivian discussed the new assessment rubric with the PSSC members and looked at a sample report card together. Committee was pleased with the amount of information that will be provided to them about their child’s learning. Parent evenings will be held by ASD-N personnel to explain the new format.
* District Math results: DLMS has performed above district at all grade levels. Math Department is analyzing the results to plan for targeted areas for improvement.
* Science Fair: School Science Fair was held today. Seven exceptional projects will be moving on to the STEM Fair at James M. Hill on March 30th. Marie Louise shared with several examples of the type of projects our students have done.
* School Heritage Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 6th.
* Parent Teacher Meetings will be held the evening of March 31st and the afternoon of April 1st.
* Upcoming: Hat Day for Autism – March 31st; Talk With Our Kids about Money – April 20th. Vivian discussed the great activities that DLMS did with the students last year and that the plan to spread the activities out over the week this year. Parents were given the website – many excellent parent activities to do at home to teach your child about money. Vivian will share the website in the next newsletter.
* New students at DLMS: We have welcomed a student from Colombia and another from the Philippines. We are expecting a 12 year old from Syria.
* Brag, Brag, Brag: Enhancement Afternoon went very well, with students having the opportunity to participate in various activities including castle building, tie-dying, cooking, painting, etc.; Both boys and girls basketball teams won Silver in the District Championships; Students and staff enjoyed two bilingual concerts – Jolene Vautour and Roland Bibeau; Calthumpians theatre group performed a play for our students based on job opportunities in NB; currently running five volleyball teams – both boys and girls;
* Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24th; 6:15; dinner meeting at the Riverside Entertainment Centre.
* Meeting adjourned at 7:20.