**DR. LOSIER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**PSSC MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014**

PRESENT: Lisa McNeil, Katherine Flynn, Marie Louise Squire, Christine Lloyd,

Jennifer Cook, Vivian Kierstead.

REGRETS: Andy Flanagan, Eileen Bowes, Charlene Rutter.

Minutes approved. No New Business.

**REPORTS ON ACHIEVEMENT**

Received provincial Reading and Math results; Grade 8 Math – 61.7% Acceptable or above (20% sampling); grade 7 Reading - 74.3% (20% sampling). District grade 7 writing results 68% Acceptable and above

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

LANGUAGE ARTS – In writing, students will be focusing on self - assessing and personal responsibility. The school will be purchasing new digital voice recorders to assist with assessing oral language development.

MATH – Mental Math is an area of concern. Every Wednesday during Tutorial Time students are working on Mental Math strategies; Math teachers then offer remediation as required.

SCIENCE – Focusing on application of scientific skills, less on content memorization.

**UPDATES**

Lisa McNeil – report on meeting with government re school on Chatham side of river: Met with Education Minister Serge Rouselle, Tony Webber (Infrastructure), Bill Fraser (MLA), John McLaughlin (Deputy Minister of Education), Beth Stymiest (Superintendent), Andy Flanagan (DEC), Principals Charlene Robinson (St. Andrew’s), Beth McCarthy (Ian Baillie), Ralph Williston (Vice Principal – St. Andrew’s). Eileen Bowes gave a presentation on the committee’s efforts and finding over the past four years; at Ian Baillie School. Budget will be down in the next few weeks.

VACCINES – Tuesday, December 2nd – Girls getting HPV vaccines.

HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE

- Working on planning Dance (Valentine’s).

- Toby Desveaux is doing another exercise four-week block. Has raised over $800 for Home and School initiatives

DEC UPDATE

* Katherine Flynn (Chairperson) read the invitation from the DEC for the dinner in Bathurst on May 13, 2015. We will discuss in more detail next meeting.

**PAST EVENTS:**

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Ceremony was very well done. Mr. Dempsey read poems. Seniors attended from the Mount. The students were awesome, in both presentations and behaviour. Culinary Technology prepared a lunch.

ANITI-BULLYING DAY

Wore blue last Wednesday; daily discussions were held in the classes

SHOE BOXES FOR SOLIDERS

Sixty-one boxes were packed and wrapped by the students for shipping overseas.

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMIA SOCIETY - $290.00, P.J. Day and a lot of donations.

MOVEMBER - Friday wear mustache. Sock Hop - $1.00 admission – fundraiser for prostate cancer research.

VARIETY SHOW – Christmas

ADOPT A FAMILY – school will adopt a family for Christmas.

CHALLENGE CUP –Mr. Richard won last challenge; November’s Challenge is a Skip Off.

ATHLETICS - Four Teams for Basketball. Both staff and parents are coaching.

DRAMA – 50 students joined; preparing for an evening of drama, music, and poetry

CHRISTMAS DANCE – Not a ‘formal’!

**BRAG! BRAG! BRAG!**

- 61 Shoe Boxes up from 49! In the paper.

- 25% of kids had Perfect Attendance.

- 35% Honour Roll.

- Mentor – Adopt kids – making sure the kids connect with teacher.

- Jessica MacDonald and Karen Coughlan – Arts Smart Grant.

- Krishna Prince (Educational Support Teacher- Resource) is returning to school to complete her Master’s degree.

DATE FOR MEETING: January 20, 2015

Adjourned at 7:25 P. M.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Cook.