



# Garden Creek Elementary 1360 Woodstock Rd, Fredericton NB Parent School Support Committee Minutes

**Date: February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025      Time: 6:30 – 8:30**  
**Location: Madison Dixon’s room**

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| <p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b><br/>Kim Sorlie (Chair)<br/>Aaron Percival (Vice Chair)<br/>Jennifer DeJong<br/>Michael Henheffer<br/>Michelle Armstrong</p> <p><b>PSSC Members Online:</b><br/>Marcia Franklin (H&amp;S Rep)</p> | <p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b><br/>Alex Yaychuk - Principal<br/>Sarah Hoyt – School Counsellor</p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b><br/>Ruth Eden (DEC rep)<br/>Cathy Elvin – Grade 3FI teacher</p> |
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| 6:30 – 6:40 | <u>Call to Order / Introductions</u>   |
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|             | <p><b>Call to Order:</b> Kim Sorlie<br/> <b>Approval of the Agenda:</b> Michael Henheffer, Jennifer DeJong (seconder)<br/> <b>Previous meeting minutes:</b> Aaron Percival</p> <p><b>Old Business:</b><br/> <b>Request for Revisions to Minutes:</b> ‘There are 15% of students who do not or cannot meet these expectations and need different types of praise’ – This should be re-worded to... it may be more challenging for this population to receive steady praise for behaviours and so with our method of tracking behaviours school-wide, teachers can try to find opportunities to give these cards out. Certainly not a guarantee that everyone gets one.</p> <p>Discussion around signage in the parking lot. Alex said that sometimes this is paid for by the district.</p> <p><b>PSSC Budget for Spending</b><br/> Alex reviewed the following lists for spending options:<br/> · Stickers, Pens, erasers, tote bags, socks, sunglasses, fidgets with Creeker Logo as giveaways/prizes – We could decide on a budget and then determine how much we could afford.<br/> · Batteries = \$150 worth for Microbits – Alex went into more detail about what Microbits are.<br/> · Paper for printing at the school</p> |



- Oculus – for self-regulation = \$569.00 – Schools are beginning to use these to incentivize and to help with self-regulation and to calm down.
- Cricut materials: Cardstock, permanent vinyl, cutting mats, replacement blades
- Creeker Recognition Cards for Print Polaroid Camera and film
- Healthy Treat for distribution before end of March (Fruits and Vegetables) – we could potentially put this together by the end of next week.

Kim asked for ideas and additions to the budget items.  
 The budget is approx. \$1000.  
 Alex also shared the previous idea of a Polaroid Camera/Film and Creeker Recognition Cards.  
 Kim asked if Alex had a preference.  
 Alex said that we would really like all of the items on the list.  
 Alex mentioned that the Oculus is the only thing that is a little different from what Garden Creek is used to.  
 Aaron wondered if we could look at having the Oculus as an experimental tool? Mike said that he would argue that helping the dysregulated children in the classroom would help with all. Jennifer agreed with this but wondered if since we are focused on tier 1 interventions in PBIS, we should wait until year 2 or 3.  
 Kim suggested we choose several items off the list so have the biggest bang for our buck.  
 Aaron agreed with this and asked to make a note in the minutes to look at the Oculus again next year.  
 Alex suggested that we can also discuss the Oculus with our District tech leads and School Counselling leads to see what others are doing before considering this in 2025-2026 school year.

Budget:

- \$150 Batteries: easy one and doesn't take a lot of the budget
- \$850 Materials to support Tier 1 PBIS Interventions (examples: stickers, pens, erasers, etc., cricut materials)

Kim asked if we were ready to vote on those two items  
 Voted: Unanimous Approval

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| 7:45 – 8:35 | <b>Principal's Report</b> |
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Goal #2 of School Improvement Plan was launched yesterday at our staff meeting

- Alex shared the template. All teaching staff in the building will be creating a goal. Teachers will choose something that the students are struggling with, will do a pre and post assessment and will then submit the results. We are hoping for a 15% improvement.

Jennifer asked if when the teachers identify their goal, is that shared with the grade below them so that those teachers are aware of what might be missing in the following grade. Alex talked about PLC's and that teachers get together and share what their students are struggling with. Last year we reached approximately a 21% improvement. It would be a good idea to track the goals and the percentage of improvement and to



have further discussions about what is lagging and how we could potentially fill in those gaps or specifically work on some of these lagging skills in the earlier year. Alex will bring this up with the CLT.

#### Lilypad Legacy Playground Project – Phase 2

- 6 options for climbing structures were presented. Gr. 2-4 Students have voted on top 3.
- Climbing structure in addition to multisport court and ETNA swings will complete phase 2.
- Installation is set to take place this upcoming summer
- Home and School association have committed to fundraising efforts for remainder of current school year and the months needed into the 2025-2026 school year leading up to our March 2026 deadline.
- Grant application through Fredericton Community Foundation will soon be submitted
- RDC grant application will be submitted by end of March, 2025, with the help of district community schools coordinator.
- Formalized announcement will be made to families in community along with images, \$ costs, and plan for timeline.
- Sub-planning committee will be assembled with members of Home and School.

Alex requests that the PSSC write a letter of support for the playground for a grant.

Jennifer asked the question about what would happen if it is deemed during our sustainability study that we will be leaving the building or renovating the building, what happens? Alex said that most things can be moved. It is not guaranteed but the installer said he will install it in a way that it can potentially be moved.

Kim asked who gets the money when you “rent a school?” Alex said, the school. Kim wondered if there was a way we could promote the building for birthday parties etc, to earn revenue. Alex will ask the question next week when he meets with the committee. Kim asked about shade. Marsha said that there has been a lot of conversation about shade. Home and School is all on board with shade so they are looking at including this as a potential “phase 3” once phase 2 is complete.

Alex suggested that the upper area where the old 3-5 structure was may be a good place for something shaded.

#### PBIS

- Have created Hallway expectations – show video
- CREEKERS assembly on Kindness
- Have begun the work on creating Playground Expectations. The playground is the hotspot for lots of behavioural concerns.
- Classroom teachers and specialists have developed and continue to co-construct ‘Learning Space’ Expectations

#### **What else is coming up at the Creek?**

**Family Movie Night: Wild Robot**

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|                    | <p><b>Week of Wonder</b><br/>16 different experiential learning opportunities for students next week – students have made their selections and will be told tomorrow.</p> <p><b>Winter Theme Days</b><br/><b>Pink Shirt Day</b><br/><b>CREEKERS ASSEMBLY</b><br/><b>Numeracy PL for classroom teaching staff</b></p>   |
| <b>6:40 – 7:45</b> | <b><u>New Business</u></b>   |
|                    | <p><b><u>Home and School Report:</u></b> Marsha<br/>We raised \$18,600 at the Bazaar. These funds will be going to school trips, staff luncheon for Teacher Appreciation, \$100 for teachers and Playground Phase 2.<br/>Still firming up Spring fundraiser<br/>Another movie night and more fundraisers coming.</p> <p><b><u>DEC Update:</u></b> Ruth Eden - Absent</p> |
| <b>9:00</b>        | <b><u>Closing Remarks</u></b>  |
|                    | <p><b>District Website:</b> <a href="https://asdw.nbed.ca/">https://asdw.nbed.ca/</a><br/><i>Motion to end the meeting: Kim</i><br/><i>Seconded:</i></p>   |

**Items for next meeting:**

- **March 25th**
- **April 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Adjournment**

Kim Sorlie  
PSSC Chair

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Cathy Elvin  
PSSC secretary

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