



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

**Date: March 24th, 2026, Time: 6:30 – 8:30
Location: Mme Elvin’s Room**

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| <p>PSSC Members Present: Kim Sorlie (Chair) Michael Henheffer Michelle Armstrong Marcia Franklin Jennifer DeJong</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Rachel Dong Aaron Percival (Co-Chair) Alexa Christie</p> | <p>School/DEC Representation Present: Alex Yaychuk - Principal Cathy Elvin - Grade 3FI teacher</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Ruth Eden (DEC rep)</p> |
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| 6:30 – 6:35 | <u>Call to Order / Introductions</u> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do have corium. <p>Call to Order: <u>Kim</u> Approval of the Agenda: Michael, Jennifer (seconded) Previous meeting minutes: Michael, Michael (seconded)</p> <p>PSSC Budget: \$1000.00</p> |
| 6:35 – 7:40 | <u>Principal’s Report</u> |
| | <p><i>Twitter: @Gardencreekers</i></p> <p>Events so far: 2Ball tournament, Yoho Lake Field Trip, Student Clubs, Family Movie Night, Theme Days (inc. Pink Shirt), Creeker Clothing Sales, Creeker Assembly (school goals), Snapology afterschool, UNB Science afterschool program, Drone Building afterschool program, NB watershed presentations, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism presentations, school spirit days, book fair, 100th day of school, Global Play day.</p> <p>What’s to Come: More Yoho Lake Field Trips, Jump Rope for Heart fundraising, Report Cards and PT Interviews, Gr 4-5 Provincial Assessments, Whole School Goal – reducing talking during</p> |



listening time, Theatre NB presentation, Family Movie Night, Scott's Nursery Fundraiser, Earth Rangers presentation, visit GSMS for Drama Performance

PSSC Budget: \$1000.00

- Camera view on soccer field
- Signage
- Headphones
- Prizes

PBIS YEAR 2:

Core Leadership Team:

Goal 1: *By the end of April 2026, the collection of Gr.2-5 self-reflection results will indicate a reduction of 10% in the category of classroom disruptions. By the end of April 2026, the collection of k-1 whole class WIGs will indicate a reduction of 10% in the category of classroom disruptions.*

New Whole School Goal

- All 17 classrooms and 3 specialists are tracking progress!
- Weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings are meant for discussing and sharing strategies
- Successful strategies are being collected and recorded to build capacity within the school with tier 1 and 2 interventions.
- **Each teacher has created a system in their class that is unique to their needs. This will allow them to determine how they track the classroom's progress.**
- PBIS team believe that the whole school goal for reducing talking during listening time will have a positive impact on upcoming questionnaires.
- **Results to be shared in May.**

Goal 2: *By beginning of March 2026, the collection of all k-5 post-assessment results will indicate an improvement of 15% in the strand of Numbers within Numeracy over a 6-week period.*

Rationale: Gr. 5 Prov. Results 56% (GC) – 44% (ASDW) – 51% (prov)

- All 17 classrooms submitted goals
- Each class plan had a goal that targeted a SKILL DESCRIPTOR within NUMBER strand of numeracy curriculum.
- Each Plan's results were based on post-assessment results compared to pre-assessment.
- **All 17 classrooms submitted plans to our Core Leadership Team and together as a school we averaged a 26% increase!!**
- Results have been shared with teaching staff.
- Follow-up questionnaires are being prepared to be sent out to teachers to collect feedback on experience.

Cathy speaks to the particular to the challenges in Grade 3 Math (in English and French). With the recent curricular changes, students in Grade 3 are experiencing a larger gap in knowledge. Particularly in the NUMBER strand, the changes have had a large impact on where students are currently and where they are expected to be in alignment with the curriculum. **Jennifer** suggests that if a new pilot curriculum or



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| | <p>initiative comes along, maybe Garden Creek will be able to pass on that experience (a pause). Michael asks for clarification on the increase in percentage – Alex explains that the average of the pre-assessments was compared with the post-assessments.</p> <p>Communication will be shared with parents!</p> <p>Whole School Goal #2: Student behavior incidents on the playground will be reduced by 50% in the months of January and February. 97 incidents in November and December. The results were that student behavior incidents on the playground were reduced to 50 incidents in January and February.</p> <p>The school has also implemented the Reset Pond, which is a place where a group of students who have challenges with behavior on the playground meet once a week. At the Reset Pond, students learn strategies to help them navigate their playground challenges and to set goals towards improvement. This aligns with the pyramid of intervention and the 5% of students who need Tier 3 interventions to be successful. Kim suggests using this language and making a space outside where students can reset or “calm” themselves independently.</p> <p>Facilities Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Library project – JEDI committee multicultural book wall- Kitchen upgrades – district support- Ventilation system (summer 2026 completion)- Roof work- Gymnasium – climbing wall <p>Lunch programs: The school heard that a contract has been awarded to the company that will be running the lunch program – <i>C'est d'ici!</i> This company also provides lunch to the francophone schools. Alex fields questions about the impacts on our current breakfast program, which will be minimal.</p> |
| 7:40 – 8:00 | <u>New Business</u> |
| | <p>AI use in classrooms/staff perceptions: Marcia asks Alex to inquire with staff if and how they use AI in classrooms. This will be presented in a future meeting. The committee talked a bit about how they use AI in their professions. Alex comments that it is exponentially advancing in its complexity.</p> <p>DEC Update: Ruth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February public meeting was cancelled – the chairperson stepped down and a new chairperson has assumed the role.• Budget: the official number is coming at the end of March. It should be similar and is not decreasing.• Every school in the province on a certain list (in the next 3yrs) will receive ventilation.• Michael asks about the Capital Budget feasibility list and Ruth responds that Garden Creek is still on this list. It will be updated next year. There is also a |



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| | consulting firm reviewing scenarios provided from the DEC. This report will be available before the end of the school year. |
| 8:00 | Closing Remarks |
| | District Website: https://asdw.nbed.ca/ <i>Motion to end the meeting: Michael</i> <i>Seconded: Jennifer</i> |

Dates for the next meeting:

- **April 28th**
- **May 26th**

All meetings are at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

Kim Sorlie
PSSC Chair

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Cathy Elvin
PSSC Royal Scribe

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