

MAGNETIC HILL

SCHOOL

PSSC Minutes
September 25, 2024

MEMBERS In Attendance:

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Robidoux (Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Janice Collins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Morgan (Principal) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly McLean |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Donaher (Teacher Rep) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Gingras |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob Baldwin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> France McClure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Owen (DEC Rep) | |

Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

- Sarah called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.
- Deborah approved the minutes from the March meeting, and Sarah seconded the motion.
- David approved the agenda for this meeting, and France seconded it.

Staff and School Updates:

- **Introduction of New Vice Principal:**
Heather introduced Adam Trider as Magnetic Hill School's new vice principal, replacing Chad Murray for one year. Adam provided a brief overview of his background.
- **Staff Update:**
There is a new Grade 3 French Immersion teacher.
- **Kiss-and-Drop Initiative:**
The new kiss-and-drop system has been a significant change at the school. Overall, it is functioning well, with positive feedback from parents. It is much safer, and there are no longer lineups on Route 126.
- **Review of Emergency Plans:**
 - **School Improvement Focus Areas:**
 - **English Language Arts:** Focus on writing

- **French Immersion Language Arts:** Focus on reading
- **Math:** Focus on numbers and operations
- **Safe and Caring Environment:** Efforts are being made to address bullying, specifically verbal attacks. The focus will be on ensuring that students feel they have an adult at school they can trust.
- **Graduation Focus:** Addressing absenteeism.

Ongoing School Activities:

- **Interest Groups Integrated into the School Schedule:**
 - **Book Club:** Led by Deborah Donaher
 - **Math Competitions:** Led by Sylvie Thebeau, currently focusing on middle school but expanding to other grades
 - **Tech Club:** The Target group is Grade 5 led by Lori Cripps
 - **Choir:** Led by Kim Sawden
 - **Athletics:** Open gym and intramural sports rotate through all grade levels, led by Tyler Wood
 - **Leadership Group:** For Grade 7 and 8 students Led by Annie MacDonald, Megan MacDonald, and Brittany Whitehouse
 - **Geography Club:**
 - **Crochet Club:** Led by the guidance counsellor (Erica Thebeau)
- **Intramural Council:**
Six to seven students are participating in the Intramural Council.
- **Suggestion:**
Advertise the various sports and activities happening at the school.
- **Staff Meeting Schedule:**
 - **First Tuesday of the Month:** Staff meeting
 - **Second Tuesday of the Month:** Subject team meeting
 - **Third Tuesday of the Month:** Grade-level team meeting
 - **Fourth Tuesday of the Month:** SIP (School Improvement Plan) meeting for the entire school
 - **Meet the Teacher:** Last Tuesday (September 17) between 3 and 4 p.m.
- **Multi-Language Learners (MLLs):**
We have had an increase in multi-language learners and students transferring

from Kingswood Academy. The staff has met to discuss how to meet the needs of MLLs and to ensure they feel safe and supported at school.

Emergency Procedures:

- The emergency procedures remain the same as before.
- The school's designated Safe Zone is the Lions Center.
- To date, we have completed three fire drills and a School Safe Zone Evacuation practice.
- The Fire Marshal has conducted a visit.
- On Tuesday, October 1st, we will conduct our first Lockdown drill with the RCMP present.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI):

- The batteries in one of the traffic signs were replaced.
- The RCMP conducts spot checks approximately every two months.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m., motioned by Sarah.