PSSC Port Elgin Regional School Sept 24, 2025

Attendance: Lacy Reade, Theresa Rogers, Lucie Roy, Buraq Robiah, Celia Brule, Natalie Legere, Cindy Girouard, Sara Allen, Melissa Sweeney, Allison Lange, Michelle Swain, Sarah Reade, Erin Ward

Regrets: Jenifer Gravelle

This is our first of 4 or 5 meetings this year. We have many new families and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. The role of the PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) is to ensure the parent voice is heard in setting education priorities and planning for improvements in our school. We hold an annual election to choose the following roles:

Chair/President, Teacher Support, Vice-President, Secretary/Community Member

Discussion of voting and the following are our 2025-2026 reps:

Erin Ward- Chair/President

Allison Lange- Vice President

Secretary/Community Member- Sarah Reade

Teacher Support- Natalie Legere

Yearly Review: 1. School Handbook- available online

2. Mental Health – district vs provincial %

3. Safety Plan- we have 3 drills in the first 2 weeks of school to ensure students know routine and what’s expected in an emergency.

Concerns & Questions:

1. Why are students on a bus assigned to sit with siblings?

A: Principle unaware of this, and will follow up with bus drivers

1. Why are there hall passes for washroom breaks?

A: We have had many students misuse a “washroom” break or meet friends in the washroom for a “group break”. This is when we experience vandalism, and other issues. We know that not all students would cause vandalism but do need to start the year with basic guidelines, so they know expectations.

1. Why are there older students with younger students in one small area before school begins every day?

A: We have no extra “duty” minutes in a day. And to provide monitoring abilities, this is our option. Buses arrive between 7:30am- 7:55am, and school begins at 8am.

1. Why are some buses picking up students at 6:30am?

A: We pick up a variety of students, primary, middle school and high school. All go on the same bus, and to ensure high school students arrive on time, that means we have early pick up. If we had our own buses, that would be a different scenario.

1. Why don’t we have our own buses for our school?

A: We have been trying for years to have our own buses. We are now at a 210-student population, which is the highest in years. This certainly changes our needs with busing.

When you have a question or concern. Please follow up with your homeroom teacher. They will answer to the best of their ability, and if not able to answer, will follow up with Administration.

Minutes Prepared by Erin Ward