



**Burton Elementary School
412 Route 102 Hwy
Burton, New Brunswick
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Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: January 14th, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Teams

Attendees: Tinika Lowe (Principal), Kim Kucey (Chair), Jennifer Boyd, Amy-Jean Johnson, Sheena Caissie, Krista Appleyard (teacher rep), Wallace Carr (DEC rep)

Regrets:

Call to Order: Kim called meeting to order at 5:40PM

Approval of the Agenda: Yes, unanimous

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Yes, motioned by Kim and seconded by Amy, unanimous.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

New Business:

- **Principals Report: January at a Glance!**
- Continue to focus on our School Rules and have now covered the lessons on be respectful, be responsible, be Safe and we are currently working on our fourth and final school rule, be a Learner.
- We will hold our next whole school assembly at the end of the month Jan 30th with 1 student from each room receiving an award for showing exemplary examples of this rule.
- K registration started on October 14th-we currently have 7 registered.
- Dec 1st T1 report cards went home. On Jan 8th staff meet to look at the results and have identified students who need additional tiers 1 or 2 support. All students needing support or enrichment have been assigned to a staff member, either a classroom teacher or an ESS member.
Share T1 Literacy and Numeracy data charts.
- New sound system is in the gym and will finish being installed in the in the next few weeks. Washer and dryer will be here by end of January. These items will make a huge impact to the learning environment. *
- December was a whirlwind of learning and fun! Through our food bank collections, we were able to donate 187lbs or the equivalent of \$685.47 worth of food items! Grade 1 donated the

highest number of items and Oromocto Pizza Delight has awarded them with a whole class pizza party that will happen in the next couple of weeks.

- With our ticket sales and donations, we were able to donate almost \$600 worth of Christmas gifts and gift cards to a local family in need.
- Update on parent concern about speeding in school zone.
- I will meet with School Lunch coordinators Elyse and Mariah on Thursday Jan 15th to find out about this new program. We have been identified as a priority school.
- January 16th I am meeting with the Superintendent, Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Schools to talk about the implications of the 2026 beginning of the new K-8 schools for BES. Have heard questions from some people but wanted to get your feedback before I go into the meeting.
- January 20th we will begin our school skating program. We purchased 10 new skate aids and some new helmets to support this program from the donations by the Burton School Bottle Fund.
- Family Literacy Day is Jan 27th- We will have a Book swap
- Feb 12th we have a virtual presentation from the MCAF for Black History Month. This year's national theme, announced by the Government of Canada, is:
"30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries."
- February 18th we have Theatre New Brunswick coming to perform the Velveteen Rabbitt.
- PSSC budget proposal: Teachers would like to purchase alternative seating for their classroom to support learning and focus. This would support the positive working and learning environment- New rocking chairs and floor seaters. Projected spending would be approximately \$787. Would like to ask PSSC for the \$750 budget to go towards this. **Amy motioned that PSSC accept and approve the proposal, Jennifer seconded, All voted YES.**

DEC Report for December 2025 created by Wallace Carr

DEC met on Dec 11th- AS of October there are 963 EA's in the system. Numbers to be updated at the next meeting.

-Capital Budget-295 schools of which 24% are in ASD-W. 242 million dollar budget available plus \$8.7 million for ventilation

-6 new school were approved but there has been no clarity on what that will look like or how many in the OEC will actually be built at one time. There may be one new one or 3. There are currently 11 schools that have been approved with only 2 that have been built. These projects will need to be completed before they can start to work on the newly announced ones. There are currently two sites in Oromocto projected to be able to hold new schools-one where HP currently is and one where Hubbard is currently. The third was an "Oromocto west" school but no site has been selected. This was just recommendations by the DEC and the government could choose a different location. *see attached document

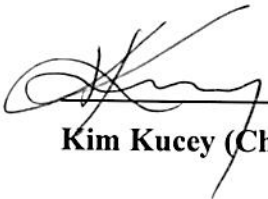
It typically takes 5-6 years for the completion of a school once it has been approved.

DEC attended a Ministers forum on Dec 12th and will have another one on February 18. Big topics of discussion were: Recruitment and Retention, New Ed plan coming soon (over 7969 people consulted on this), Chronic absenteeism, Policies 322, 715, 126 & 323, NB Breakfast and Lunch programs-province feels they are good but the DEC does not based on feedback from schools regarding storage and preparation of food materials and who is preparing food, and discussion about QBL system (DEC suggestion only make up 5% of consideration for new school evaluations). Minister told DEC that budgets will be crunched next year but Education and Health will be a priority.


Report card data for the province and provincial assessment results *see attachments

Date of Next Meeting: Feb 18th at 5:30

Adjournment: 6:15 by Chair



Kim Kucey (Chair)



Tinika Lowe (Principal)