



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fredericton High School
300 Priestman St, Fredericton, E3B 6J8
Parent School Support Committee - Meeting Minutes
Date: October 27, 2025
Location: Fredericton High School – C22
Time: 6:00PM

PSSC Members: Katie Côté (Chair) Pamela Kitchen (Vice-Chair) Jacqueline Reid (Secretary) Andrea Addison Moiria Buyting Mika Solway Mark Taylor PSSC Members Regrets:	School Representation: Principal: Peter Batt Teacher Representative: Derek Bradford - absent DEC Representation: Ruth Eden Student Rep: Winter Daniels - absent
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Call to order: 6:05 pm “We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather is the unceded ancestral homeland of the Wulastukwey people.”

Approval of the agenda:

- **Motion to approve:** Mark Taylor
- **Seconded:** Moira Buyting

Approval of last meetings agenda:

- **Motion to approve:** Andrea Addison
- **Seconded:** Pam Kitchen

Chair’s report: Katie Côté

- Introduced this weeks presenters: Mr. Craig Woodcock (FHS Creative Arts Dept.) and Mrs. Laurie Pearson (Vice Principal).
- Obtained access to the PSSC gmail box – no new emails.
- Requested continued advertisement of the PSSC meetings time and place in principal Peter Batt’s weekly Friday emails that go out to the FHS families.

Principal’s report: Peter Batt

- **Refer to the attached PSSC – Principal’s Report – Oct. 27, 2025**

- The resource police officer assigned to FHS has a dedicated office space at FHS and is stationed here all day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, they are only stationed at FHS in the afternoons and are stationed at Bliss Carmen on Tuesday mornings, and at George Street Middle School on Thursday mornings.
- **Current Stats:** 146 Teachers, 60+ Support Staff, 12+ Day & Night Custodians, 2405 Students currently enrolled which is 55+ more than expected so they have requested additional teachers.

Student's report: Winter Daniels - absent

Teacher's report: Derek Bradford - absent

DEC Report: Ruth Eden

- New AI guidelines were discussed in the most recent DEC meetings with only 6 approved so far. These will be released on the website soon.
- There are pilot programs going on in some NB schools to help tackle chronic absenteeism (absent for more than 2 days per month) implementing the new school guidelines of doing direct calls to parents/guardians instead of just using emails. These new guidelines will be implemented in the rest of the NB schools as of February 1st. Chronic absenteeism ranges between 20% and 40% across the district.

There was a presentation in May which involved a data review with the Admin Team / SIP Committee / SPRs and the entire staff. There was an examination of feedback to determine trends and there is a desire for: Collaboration, Consistency, Mentoring & Coaching, and Connections (teacher to teacher connections, etc.).

There is a focus on NB school improvement Indicator Domain IV with classroom practice grounded in the 4 Pillars of “Enhancing Professional Practice” with different yearly goals.

For example:

2025-2026	Planning & Preparation
2026-2027	Classroom Environment
2027-2028	Instruction & Assessment

- **Provincial education plan consultations**

There was a survey sent out via email. Please redistribute it to as many people as you can. There will be a meeting on November 4 at the Delta in person.

Guest Presenter 1: Mr. Craig Woodcock

- Provided the FHS Creative Arts “Year in Review 2024-25” report which discussed the department goals and summary of the previous year such as last May’s trip to New York City and their various clubs, bands, etc. that students of all ages and varying experience levels can take part in.
- Discussed their upcoming events:

- Art gallery opening on November 19
- Drama clubs production scheduled for November 26-29.
- Concert by the Jazz band and the Concert ensemble on December 11.
- Drama Fest to take place in April/May.
- This year's planned field trip to Halifax in the spring.

Guest Presenter 2: Mrs. Laurie Pearson – Vice Principal

- Grade 12 Vice Principal and is connected to the Creative Arts, Humanities Departments, and the Student Services Team.
- Last year the students were supported by grade level but they have returned to the previous years approach of supporting students by last name alphabet grouping, with a hybrid approach for this years Grade 12 students.
- The Grade 12 parent meeting was held after the Meet the Teacher night in September.
- There is lots of support for the Grade 12 students:
 - After the Q1 Reports they check in with the Grade 12s before the semester ends and hold Q & A meetings.
 - This is the first group of Grade 12s whose Grade 10 marks were incorporated into their transcripts for secondary education.
 - Career counselling is a big part of the team.
 - Each VP supports an equal portion of students.
 - If there are issues such as absenteeism, teachers are reached out to first and then the VP are contacted so that they can liaise.
- There are weekly Student Services meetings with VPs, Guidance, Resource, First Nations, Multi-Language, and full-time assigned school social worker to help keep on top of things.
 - There are over 600 newcomers attending FHS at this time.
- With regards to absenteeism, if there are more than 15 classes (3 days) absent they will reach out to the parents to determine the reason for the absences and provide them access to the child/youth OAT (One at a Time Therapy) for quicker intake to decrease absenteeism.

Future Agenda Items:

- **Budget Options**
- **School Improvement Plan**
- **Speaker Series** – proposed by Pam Kitchen
 - Potential for PSSC to bring in consultants to do a series of presentations to families either in person in the auditorium (or virtual) about topics such as cyber bullying, etc. that the community might be interested in.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: 7:00 pm

Date of Next Meetings: November 24, 2025 at 6 p.m.

- It has been a great start up in the building.
- Currently we have 146 teachers in the building, over 60 support staff (EAs, Admin Assistants, Librarians, SIW, etc.), a team of daytime/nighttime custodians (over a dozen on each shift) and 2405 students.
- Our student population is up from the just over 1700 students that were in the building when LHHS opened.
- ASDW has vacated the former District wing, and we are in the process of transforming that wing to our new resource wing. We are well underway with this massive project and hope to have resource in their new spaces by semester II. This move will return 6-8 resource rooms back to general classrooms and take our number of teachers on carts down from 13 to 5-7.
- Grade 9 Orientation went well in early September as we welcomed just under 600 new students to the building.
- Cst. Stephen Murphy joined us in the School Resource Officer role in August. We are very pleased to have an SRO in the building again after many years without one.
- We acknowledged the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation in the building on Sept. 29th, ahead of the national holiday on Sept. 30th.
- Various projects on the go:
 - Signage update for the exterior of the building, throughout the property
 - Transformation of E100 (computer lab)
 - Sports field on property – rock border
 - Main entryway refresh
- Commencement of “Big 3” meetings in early November
- Remembrance Day Assemblies on Nov. 7th – student led and organized (SRC)
- We welcome UNB & STU interns into the building for their first practicum that runs from Nov. 3rd to Dec. 19th. We are hosting 2 interns from UNB and 7 from STU.
- Upcoming Date:
 - Nov. 10th – PL Day (no school for students)
 - Nov. 11th – Remembrance Day (school closed)
 - Nov. 17th – Report Cards issues
 - Nov. 20th – MADD presentation
 - Nov. 20th – Parent Teacher Interviews in the evening (times to follow)
 - Nov. 21st – Parent Teacher Interviews in the morning (times to follow) & PL in the afternoon (no school for students all day)
 - Nov. 26th-29th – Production