Harkins PSSC

Meeting Minutes

# **February 18, 2015**

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| Present: | Kathleen Clancy, Kevin Russell, Stephanie Anthony, Cheryl Richardson, Jennifer Sullivan |
| Absent: | Natalie Forrest, Glenda O’Neil Woods, Angela Sheasgreen, Jamie Morrison, Ken Blacquier, Stacey McFarlane, Marc Hare, Jennifer Doucet, |
| Next meeting: | Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM |
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## Announcements

Approval of Agenda for February 18, 2015

Approval of November 28, 2015 minutes

## Matters arising from last meeting

## Discussion

Principal’s Report

1. International Partnerships – Harkins Middle School has several international partnerships.
   * Harkins Middle School is currently hosting a teacher from China. This teacher is currently working with Grade 6 students in the areas of language and culture. They have planned festivities and decorated for Chinese New Year, which is this week.
   * Harkins Middle School will host three male, grade 6 students from Columbia in spring 2015.
   * Harkins Middle School will host a teacher from Columbia.
2. Teacher Perception Surveys – The results of teachers’ perception survey have been received. Surveys were completed December 2014. The data has been analyzed. Areas where gains have were made, and areas that need improvement, were discussed.
3. School Improvement Plans – There is a new format for school improvement plans. Plans from the province and school were presented and discussed. Feedback was noted.
4. Positive Learning Environment Plan. The plan was shared.
5. New School Update – the sod will turn for the new school in May 2015. The school opening is delayed until January 2017.
6. School Review – Harkins will participate in a school review May 6-8, 2015. The school will be reviewed on 124 measures. Focus groups will be held with students, educational assistants, and parents.

**IV. Housekeeping items**

Mrs. Sullivan led a discussion regarding the best time and day of the week for future PSSC meetings for this academic year. The meeting date was changed from Wednesday night to Tuesday night to accommodate those participants who have not been able to attend Wednesday meetings.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.