



MINUTES

PSSC

September 29th, 2016 | Meeting called by Andrew Dobson

In Attendance: Andrew Dobson, Lori-Ann Lauridsen, Rob Alexander (DEC), Stacey Hayes-O'Hara, Judy Booth, Tanya Stockdale, Emma Wallace, Jake Powning, Sarah Powning, Paymon Tahershamsi, Stephanie Bickford Parent, LoriAnn Macaskill & Lisa Lewis

Topics of Discussion

- 1. Introduction** – Each member introduced themselves and Mr Dobson gave a summary of his experience and his philosophy.
- 2. Handbook** – Available to take
- 3. School Improvement Plan** – copy provided
- 4. Chairperson Tanya** – Welcome and thank all members for participating.
- 5. Emma Wallace from SRHS Student Leadership**
 - Transition Day* – Booklet for each of our students: map, bell schedule, list of clubs, etc.
 - Tours for Grade 9s*
 - Spoke to Grade 9s, bbq for kids, & new student tours*
 - Terry Fox Walk* – walked on Sept 28th and provided fruit too
 - Grads had a potluck, fun run and a dress up day.*
 - Upcoming: Oct 4 Assembly as our 1st monthly assembly, Oct 5th Cancer Awareness Day, Halloween Week*
 - Student Fees are way down from past years. \$30 fees per student, 85% of grade 9 paid, fewer grade 10, barely any grade 11 and few grade 12. Grade 12s had an incentive to get their grad shirts 1st. Looking at ways to motivate and encourage students paying. We are going to use per 1 teachers to help chase. Advertise what the money is used for within the school.*
 - Email or newsletter to parents may be helpful – Stephanie*
 - Leadership Page is used to post some information as well*
 - We tweet sometimes and snap chat too*
 - Question to the PSSC: What would you like to see us offer?*
 - What % of students are participation? -Pamon
 - 90% is Emma's goal but reality is 70-80%. It does depend on the event. -Emma
 - Does leadership attempt to get to quieter students or target a certain group? -Pamon
 - We haven't yet although we have considered how to be inclusive to some of our student's with physical disabilities -Emma
 - Hopefully we will bring some ideas in the future. Tanya
 - Our goal: promote involvement in the school, increase Proud to be a Sonic, Provincial Student Council – voice our concerns to Administration, focus on community volunteer as we would like to give back, more equal opportunities for more students – recognize all students achievements, & promote the fun of school. - Emma

Andrew Added:

Suggestion of return to advisory again as a way for students to be connected to an adult for 4 years. A group of multi leveled group of about 15 students. – Dobson

Mental Wellness Committee is an idea where we hope to create this team for this year so we can be supportive to each grade level. – Dobson

ISD is a new support that is working collaboratively with our school as well. Health and school working together. SW, guidance counsellor, mental health, community psychologist, & psychiatrist. Paperwork is emerged.

PBIS had the focus of being on time, being prepared and completing work on time. Dobson

6. DEC Rob Alexander

Try to make it known that our area has been through a lot of adversity.

Mental Wellness: 6 Part Series of Presentations at SJHS Tuesday Night next week is 1st

Rob is open to taking items back

The DEC members have been invited to the Provincial Student Leadership

7. Principal's Report

Enrollment is around 735 and our budget is based on this population.

Power School is the new computer system used for attendance and marks.

Report cards will be out before November.

\$800 available for communication. DO will cover ½ of the cost of Synervoice.

We are using voicemail to communicate but is there another suggested way to communicate?

Learning Commons & Technology: \$25000 grant allowed for a 3D printer and other technology hopefully will be up and running by January

The learning commons is still under works.

Assessment – importance of deadlines versus zeros for behavior. If work is late or not handed in, we are working to get the work so that it can be assessed. A zero is not used immediately but rather if the work is not submitted eventually, by a pre-set deadline, then it will be a zero. There are 2 articles that were shared with the members that had been read by our CLT.

Fifty eight new laptops are coming.

October 18th – Hampton High School 6 pm PSSC Information Session

Action Item

1. Ideas for Student leadership – what we want them to offer our students at SRHS
2. Concerns for DEC – feel free to contact Rob Alexander
3. Need a secretary

Next Meeting- October 13th

2nd Thursday of each month is the goal
