



MINUTES

PSSC

December 15th, 2016. Meeting Called by A. Dobson

In Attendance:

A. Dobson, S. Hayes, T. Stockdale, J. Booth, B. Nixon, J. Vanderlaan. L. MacAskill

Topics of Discussion

Welcome- Reading and approval of minutes by T. Stockdale. All received minutes from last month.

- PSSC Chair Report- Tanya Stockdale –nothing to report
- Student Leadership Report – Emma- regrets sent. Left written report.
- DEC Report – Rob Alexander- absent.

- Principal Report – Andrew Dobson-
- 1. Action items- girls’ bathroom completely covered over. Took 3 weeks and many coats of paint. Girls are not content that they cannot write on it and now the bathroom is locked. New issue- grade 8s sign a mural when they visit. Problem is now that non-grade 8 students are currently signing them. A. Dobson suggests that they sign a banner instead that can be hung. Much painting has been done. Slowly trying to get it done.
- 2. Electrical problems in some rooms. The new pellet heating system is creating shorts in some classrooms- two different electricians- one for district and another for the pellet machine. (Special needs changing room and SRC room).
- 3. Entrepreneurship fair was a big success.
- 4. Domestic violence ballet was a success.
- 5. Continuing the monthly spirit assembly
- 6. Continuing monthly meal- meatballs and rice well received, Breakfast on Dec 23
- 7. Gym bleachers replaced. Gym floor being resurfaced during the Christmas break.
- 8. Dairy Town Classic just offered the school a new, wireless scoreboard. DTC coming in early February.
- 9. Concerns- vandalism. Toilet ring set on fire. Fire extinguisher set off in theatre. No evacuations required.
- 10. Continue to work on attendance. Working on it on a case by case basis.
- 11. Staff working on Formative Assessment. Long term project. Large pedagogical discussion. Finding the middle ground is a journey for us as a staff. We want to know what the students know vs. behavior (just not handing something in). Staff reading a Fresh Look at Reporting and Grading.
- 12. ELPA being written by grade nines during exams.
- 13. Discussions between R. Baird, A. Dobson, A. Rioux and R. Price to identify struggling students so they can get assistance to prepare for ELPA.

- 14. Working towards common assessments and common marking in courses.
- 15. Updated pyramids of intervention.
- 16. Diversity and Respect Team is led by M. Gillies and she and a student attended a conference. Bonny Hill and her students are working on a Rainbow for the lobby. Currently there is an issue with lighting as they not able to be replaced with the same model.
- 17. The door way from the locker area to the lobby is working well.
- 18. A. Dobson working on creating a weekly newsletter about what is going on to improve communication. Professional Growth plans. School Connects works easily.
- 19. J. Huggard writes School Days for the Kings County Record.
- 20. The School Website is currently being worked on. ***Action plan to find a teacher to gain access to update it.
- 21. Mental Health- A. Dobson met with Mental Wellness team. Met last week. Every grade level will have a week next year to a) recognize mental health issues (ie resiliency in gr 9, anxiety/ depression in gr 10, gr11 mindfulness (A. Dobson), gr 12 transitioning/ exiting (T. Robertson).
- 22. ISD team- Kate, Shane Buchanan and Sherilynn Weeks (guidance). They have been working on our 5% critical cases.
- 23. As a staff, Lunch and Learn monthly.
- That summarizes our SIP. A. Dobson was recently part of an External Review of St. Malachys. He expects SRHS will be reviewed in the next 18 months RE: Best Practice. Ie. Post curriculum outcome in student friendly language
- Discussion about the return of the Advisory Program. A. Dobson would like to reinstate it- has discussed it with CLT and ESST and will be bringing it to the teaching staff.
- 24. NB Student Wellness survey 2015-2016 results from last school year were reviewed with the committee. A. Dobson to host a student focus group to discuss “Learning Needs being met at school.” Bullying stats are lower here than provincially. Extracurricular activities fairly close to provincial average. We want all students to play and can seek support from Pro Kids etc. A. Dobson to speak to Athletic Director about carpooling etc to and from sports, clubs etc. Breakfast stats are concerning. D. Earle has snacks and the school has caf cash. High screen time stats. School has open wifi. Students are on their phones in classes. Staff is working on this issue to resolve this. High on smoking stats compared to provincial average. A. Dobson says that there is some grant funding for smoking cessation. Marijuana use it high and will be discussed with the Focus Group. The woods outback are still concerning- technically off school property.
- 25. PSSC has a budget. Fiscal year is Jan 30. Monies need to be spent. Possibly communication via bulletin boards

Action Items:

- 1. Website to be updated**
- 2. Carpooling to school activities**
- 3. Marijuana and policing on non-school property**
- 4. Supervision- out front and out back**
- 5. Focus group**
- 6. Put PSSC budget on the agenda for next month.**

Next Meeting-