



# MINUTES

**PSSC**

*January 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Called by A. Dobson*

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## In Attendance:

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

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## Topics of Discussion

Welcome- Reading and approval of minutes and agenda  
To check if we received minutes from last month.

- PSSC Chair Report- Tanya Stockdale
  - Budget – discussion on how to spent remaining funds. Guest speaker or upgrade TV in Lobby?
  - Check out the Guest Speaker. General consensus is to work on guest speaker. Vote on the spending next month.
- Student Leadership Report – Emma
  - Feb 6 is the next Spirit assembly. A teacher is going to help Emma as she takes more courses. Introducing Staff Member of the Month.
  - Breakfast Club starting – want to do it on Tues & Thurs from 8:15 – 8:40 and operated out of the store. Will be sending donation letters.
  - Leadership is a little low on funds – probably won't be able to fund guest speaker. Have \$4000-\$6000 left. That is also why they are approaching the community for help with the breakfast. May do a fundraiser at Parent Teacher in April. Hoping to get money through sale of clothing and cups.
  - \$800 in Healthy Minds has to be spent from the budget. Would be able to use this towards non-perishables for the Breakfast Program. Emma and Mr. Dobson will review the list of purchases to ensure that it is in line with the health policies.
- DEC Report – Rob Alexander – absent
- Principal Report – Andrew Dobson
  - Girls' bathroom is still locked as a result of the vandalism that was recently cleaned up.
  - Electrical problems have been resolved in some of the areas/classrooms.
  - Diane Earl and Bronwyn Keirstead made the entrepreneurship fair a huge success
  - Gym floor and bleachers have been done – floor is better and safer
  - DTC has put the new wireless scoreboard is up and installed
  - Still have some vandalism – treads were pulled off of all the back stairs – about \$1400 in damage without labour. Will look at how to resolve this: more duty, clearing the halls (will have to be in

classrooms, locker room, cafeteria, gym, lobby only). Students will not be allowed in the hallways during lunch.

- Attendance Matters – need to get tighter on the calls and ensure they are all happening
- Formative Assessment – still working through incompletes. Mr. Dobson talking to Harbourview Principal and the district rep on assessments. We are moving towards parents being able to view records on line real time. Having incompletes will raise questions. There will be incompletes on the upcoming report cards. Incomplete is that something has not been handed in to be able to evaluate. Conversation around focusing on in-class learning – that is what should have most value. This will help reduce the number of incompletes by avoiding students doing assignments outside of the school. Teachers are to use their professional judgement when determining whether the incomplete affects the overall mark.
- ELPA – continuing to work with Robin Baird on the grade 8s coming up and getting ready for ELPA
- Diversity & Respect – will bring in more training for the teachers
- Bonny Hill has completed the rainbow for the lobby
- Looking at various ideas for the lobby to make it more colourful and welcoming – demonstrate their Sonic Pride
- Have started working on the school website. Website is run from district. Need to figure out a way to make it easier to update.
- Newsletter is still being worked on.
- Mental Health – will be focusing on topics for each grade
- Advisory class – still working on it. Hoping to have this in place for next year.
- Feb 22 – February is suicide prevention month. Crystal McLaughlin-Gray is organizing something for that day.
- Carpooling – still need to talk about it with Mr. Barton about how to organize/promote for students who don't currently participate in sports/clubs
- Drug/alcohol awareness – will be doing something – guest speaker etc. around this
- Area out back behind the school – continue to meet with the police – need better police presence – encourage parents to call in and ask for better policing of the area. Also looking at whether more direct teacher supervision in that area.
- Will continue to work on managing cell phone use in the classrooms.
- Coming up:
  - DTC – this coming week
  - Of Mice and Men – being done by SJ Theatre Company – 2 student performance and 1 public performance
  - Play is being worked on – Grease is the production they are doing
  - Drug & Alcohol Awareness session
- Mrs. Stairs Culinary Tech did a dinner for retirement
- Staffing is starting earlier this year because of French Immersion changes.

#### **Action Items:**

- Mr. Dobson to talk to Mr. Barton about carpooling
- Continue to work with police about out back
- Supervision in the back
- Source cost of TV and/or guest speaker to determine how we allocate our remaining PSSC budget

