



# MINUTES

**PSSC**

*6:30pm Thursday, March 23, 2017 Meeting Called by A. Dobson*

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## In Attendance:

A Dobson      R. Fowler      E. Wallace      S. Sharp      S. Hayes-O'Hara      J. Booth  
S. Bickford-Parent      J. Vanderlaan      L. Lewis

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## Topics of Discussion

- I. Welcome- Reading and approval of minutes and agenda. Changes made to February 22, 2017 Minutes. Please see below.

### Principal's Report **UPDATES highlighted**

1. Female washroom still locked. **Will remain locked until September.**
2. DTC- floor is working well- no more slipping. Great score sign.
3. Vandalism is down. Closure on one stair tread.
4. Trying to clear lobby of bags- making a huge difference. **Improvement noted.**
5. Attendance- reach 5 days- phone call home- puts on staff share drive- 10 day call. Chronic tardiness with a few people continues. Work in project. Not in class is defiance.
6. A. Dobson went to a session on Formative Assessment.
7. Incomplete discussion. Journey we continue to work on. M. Butler and P. Smith have more experience with this. A. Dobson provided PSSC members with a copy of HVHS Assessment Policy. To be discussed next meeting. **We are working on our own (SRHS) Assessment Policy.**
8. B. Hill has the Rainbow Flag ready. Additional artwork to be hung.
9. A. Dobson has added more to the website. Will upload PSSC minutes
10. C.Gray and A. Dobson working on Mental Health. Gr 12 Exit
11. A. Dobson still an advocate of Advisory. In discussions with admin.
12. Carpooling still being investigated with B. Barton
13. Back of the school is still problematic
14. DTC huge success.
15. Mice and Men coming March 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>.
16. Grease is coming up
17. S. Betts just got \$1400 funding for a food cultural fair.
18. Been invited to Youth Summit in April (2 students and a teacher)
19. Hockey playoffs
20. Makerspace still trying to get up and going
21. S. Leger and M. Gillies working on Math Pilot
22. R. Bennett working on **ELA with Ryan Price on a Research Project on Best Practices in Literacy**
23. A. Dobson working on a Mental Health Committee
24. Continued PD on PowerSchool
25. Guest speaker ideas for graduation

Action items **UPDATES in yellow**:

1. Read HVHS Assessment Policy- PSSC members. **Working on a SRHS Policy**
2. Chalk Board Paint- A. Dobson **Not recommended after more discussion**
3. Upload PSSC meetings- A. Dobson
4. Lobby ceiling to added to capital improvement list- A. Dobson Capital Projects this year are the heaving pavement outside and foyer with cracked tile, recarpeting the blocks, cleaning the ceiling in the lobby, minimizing duct noise in Art room, new sign for school- all of these are on a wish list. Realigning the composites didn't make it to the list but is a work in progress- maybe a CHAIR BOARD
5. Portage presenter for May- A. Dobson and C. Gray
6. Whiteboard to be updated in lobby- A. Dobson to B. Barton
7. **REPAIR** the light shades-
8. Purchase apple tv- A. Dobson in discussion with Tech personnel
9. Guest speaker- concern over recommendation that it may be too soon for that speaker. Upload course calendar for course selection to webpage for students to access and pick courses. Currently at 738. A. Dobson.

II. PSSC Chair's Report- T. Stockdale

- Regrets from T. Stockdale
- DEC's Make a Difference Spring Symposium May 5-7, 2017
- A. Dobson to forward detailed email to Committee Members
- B. Handout provided to Committee Members

III. DEC Chair Report- Rob Fowler

- Spring Symposium info reinforced.
- Many meetings with Saint John. Possible vote in May or June for school reconfiguration for 7 schools.

Leadership Report- Emma Wallace and Sophia Sharp

- Emma introduced Sophie who will be replacing her next year.
- Chili, juice, rolls and cookies offered on Friday, May 17
- Breakfast program now offered three days per week Mon, Wed, Fri- toast on Wed
- Looking for Breakfast donations- got first from Kelly Dunfield and her team
- Hot chocolate being sold for 1\$ to help sustain the Breakfast program
- Easter egg hunt planned and working out the details- details to come on Leadership Facebook page
- Meal coming in April as well- like March chili
- Spirit Assembly next week and Parent Teacher next week. Bake sale to raise money for breakfast program and Leadership will direct parents for Parent teacher
- Shout outs- Bulletin board by new store up and running. Thank you Mr. Reicker. Also a Breakfast etiquette poster shown.
- Learning Commons looks amazing with new paint
- Health Nurses are up and running and met with most classes.
- Provincial Student council will have meeting with Minister of Education. They have been waiting and it took place March 1<sup>st</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Concerns:

- Announcements- no changes made to date. Please ensure that every class is getting the announcements. Concern over time- students hungry then. A. Dobson.
- Women's changing room counter is peeling. Wood exposed. May be embarrassing for those using it. (A. Dobson said that Cul Tech is getting new countertops. Old countertops will be recycled and used to replace that counter top in the women's changing room).

### Question

- Emma was asked if Leadership has a bank account and explained that yes, and it is operated in the school. A. Dobson reinforced that all accounts go through school cash (S. Tobias) and district personnel. Emma assured everyone that we are not in the red.

### Principal's Report- A. Dobson

- Progress report being sent home on Monday, March 27. Phone calls to be made 28, 29 and Parent-Teacher on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>st</sup>.
- Student life- DTC successful, Basketball provincial regionals, Of Mice and Men (Saint John Theatre Company presented to grades 11 and 12), 60 people attended the evening performance
- PBIS Committee working on new area of focus- tardies, recognition system
- JA Banquet next week
- Trades and Tech Gala here Wednesday, next week
- Grad Class Fashion Show is Friday evening
- Afternoon of Parent-Teacher- PL on balanced assessment
- Academics- Mrs. Leger has been working with SMS in seeing where gr 8 Math students are in their Math skills. Mrs. Gillies as well.
- Gr 8 Transition Day coming in May
- Learning Commons is making movement! Committee working on this. New paint! Furniture being tendered out- comfy colorful chairs. 4 new computers coming. New bookcases hopefully. Possible Mill and Cab project.
- Advisory Committee struck- 10 people on committee thus far. Work in progress on what it will look like and when. Could include announcement, mental health
- Cyberbullying Parent night was hugely informative.
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness- Dan Martell from Moncton- inspirational speaker who has turned his life around. He is willing to come here for FREE via C. McLaughlin-Gray. A. Dobson to send YouTube link
- 4 Large high schools had a drug and alcohol evening.
- Haven't spent budget. Needs to be spent by tomorrow. A. Dobson spoke to C. Spears. Discussion on monies to be spent on paper.
- Question- paper. Physics notes. Why do kids have to print out over a hundred pages of notes? Some don't have printers, paper or internet at home. A. Dobson said students could take requests to office and printouts can be made via photocopier as opposed to Library printer. A. Dobson said we spent 10000\$ a year on paper. (S. Hayes-O'Hara said if we textbooks, we could photocopy less. ☺)
- April 27<sup>th</sup>, multicultural Event hosted by S. Betts who got a 1400\$ grant and school to top off from International Students' fees. Community welcome to interact with our International Community here at SRHS. Culinary Tech classes involved as well.
- Grease- Tues, April 11, Wed, Thurs and twice on Friday
- Alaina Lockhart invited to Graduation. A. Dobson hopeful she will be our Grad Speaker- politician, small business owner, from a small town, excellent speaker.
- Course selection for next year is almost over.

### Additions- Emma Wallace

- Alaina Lockhart's Youth Council- 2 groups- one focused on Mental Health; ISD is at SRHS but not in Moncton yet. Group wanting to promote ISD is to increase awareness. Province willing to pay for post-its etc. Possible guest speaker another great idea. A. Dobson said they are working on a grade 12 Mental Health expo so grads know services available in the community when needed. \*\*\*ISD under 16 need parental permission to go. ISD over 16 can self-refer. Many referrals made from ESST. Emma suggested making posters, pens etc. Mrs. Dodsworth has funds available meeting upcoming in April. Much discussion. Suggestions- Fall Open House for Parents – introduce ISD; new grade 9 folders included ISD info in folders, \*\*\*Include info on how to access ISD
- Lee Thomas- recommended as a speaker. Rob Fowler has an email of info that he will forward to A. Dobson. Thomas spoke her last year.

Next meeting Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Learning Commons.

### Action Items:

1. Announcements- A. Dobson to ensure info is getting passed along to all students
2. A. Dobson to forward email on Symposium contact info.
3. A. Dobson to email YouTube link about guest speaker- D. Martell
4. To do in fall- at Open House- inform parents about ISD
5. To do in fall- include ISD info in gr 9 student package
6. A. Dobson- to order paper

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm