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PSSC

Timberland Restaurant, May 18th, 2017 6PM Meeting Called by A. Dobson

In attendance: P. Tahershamsi, L. MacAskill, J. Booth, T. Stockdale, E. Wallace, B. Nixon, L. Lewis, S.Hayes-O'Hara, A. Dobson.

1. Welcome- Reading and approval of the Minutes
2. PSSC Chair Report- T. Stockdale
There is no Principal Review to be done this year. It is in the process of being revamped from last year. Tanya expressed sincere thanks to the committee and announced that it is her last year as Chair as her daughter is graduating.
3. DEC Representative Report- R. Fowler- No report
4. Leadership Report- E. Wallace
 - Spirit Assembly a success
 - Easter activities went well
 - Bake Sale final numbers not in yet
 - Another meal was served at lunch on Wednesday
 - The Rave/Dance went really well. “Best thing of the year.” Significant number of non-perishable foods collected (approx. 200)
 - Swimming Night was cancelled as the minimum number required was not met. Hopeful to try this again next year with additional advertising.
 - Safe Grad had a successful bowling night.
 - Breakfast Club is going strong! Daily milk consumption has doubled.
 - Cow Patty Bingo/Western Day was a huge success! BBQ and teachers were auctioned and pied in the face to raise monies for Safe Grad.
 - Final Spirit Assembly is June 2 and will include Red and Black Day and a meal.
 - Tomorrow Leadership is filming a video of things to do around town.
 - There continues to be room for improvement with regards to the sanitation and the bathrooms in the gym area. Access to announcements is problematic for supply teachers and students do not get announcements on those days.
5. Principal’s Report- A. Dobson
 - Dance was excellent as were the behaviors there.
 - Multicultural evening was a huge success. Thanks to S. Betts, S. Stairs and S. MacEachern
 - Dan Martell will make his presentation on June 1st.
 - The issue of students printing to the Learning Commons has been addressed.
 - In terms of the Maker Space, the old Pod is working and there remains one Mac still not in use.
 - Alaina Lockhart is confirmed as speaker at Graduation

- Staff Development has taken place regarding diversity and respect.
- May 17 was International Anti-homophobia day and was celebrated with cupcakes, bracelets and a display in the lobby.
- Mental Health 101 training was done with the grade 9s today. It is a work in progress and will continue. Assists with anxiety and depression.
- Core Leadership Team- working on an Assessment Policy. There are 2 people assigned at District Office as an assessment team who will provide leadership and assist with guidelines. Hopeful to have a school wide policy in place for Sept 2017.
- CLT working on a template for course syllabi. To be ready Sept 2017.
- CLT worked on a Student Handbook today. It will be posted online. (S. Leger, A. Cook, A. Rioux).
- Coding- J. Gaunce took 2 students to UNBSJ for a coding day. It was well received.
- Dragon's Den was a huge success. (D. Earle, B. Keirstead and The Work Room). 6 business people from the community came in to judge. Jessie Thorne won with his petting farm
- Currently working with B. Barton to itemize Athletic Fees: x\$ insurance; y\$ refs; z\$ transportation.
- Accounting- all funds accounted for and spend. NOT in the red. Bought a large piece of sporting equipment.
- Advisory/Learning Period- 10-12 teachers on the committee. Leaning towards a study period. Probably not ready for next year. Still a work in progress.
- In terms of action items from last month- in talks with J. Gaunce about a computer group for girls possibly coed
- J. Gaunce went to Sumobots and there was a competition. He took two teams to Simonds.
- Gr.11 kids went to UNBSJ with T. Robertson for a visit.
- ELPA results- 40 grade 9s did not pass. Plan to create intervention groups. Hopeful to see a pull out during the specialties. All gr. 12s passed the ELPA. Working with R. Baird to address weaknesses with gr 8s so we are ready when they arrive as gr 9s.
- June 9- 8:30-10 is the gr 8 visitation.
- Final remarks: A. Dobson's goal was to get to know staff and students and community. Very positive experience. Good year. Thankful to his entire team: admin team, support staff, teachers, EAs, custodians- everyone. Much discussion after this from all members regarding a positive school year.

6. Maker Space Technology update- S.Hayes-O'Hara

- S. Stairs that there is no longer the intent of a Maker Space. Neither the time nor the money is there. The technology is being used by staff and students. The Learning Commons houses the 3D printer and other technology. J. Gaunce has a student who has used the 3D printer 3 times. Lily Crowe has made a bobble head cow that she hopes to add a small solar panel to. She also made a plow for one of the sumobots. Gaunce added that it is problematic to use the technology when there isn't class time to devote to it and suggested running smaller class sizes. Gaunce would like to come and speak to the PSSC in October

7. Thank you and adjournment

Next Meeting-

Action Items: Add J. Gaunce to October's agenda.