



MINUTES

PSSC

April 20th, 2017 Meeting Called by A. Dobson

In Attendance: B. Nixon, J. Booth, J. Vandelann, L. Lewis, P. Tahershamsi, K. Booth, A. Dobson, S. Hayes-O'Hara, L. MacAskill

Regrets: T. Stockdale

Topics of Discussion

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

Error- Rob Alexander DEC member (not Rob Alexander- make 2 changes to last month's minutes (his name in attendance and his name with DEC report) and Grease was twice on Saturday (not Friday as per the minutes)

- **PSSC Chair Report-** Tanya Stockdale – regrets from Tanya. She would like to have a date and location set for our last meeting (May 2017). She is also awaiting the review package from P. Smith. A. Dobson to contact P. Smith. Discussion of possible venues and dates. Tentative date: Thursday, May 18th. Review at 6pm. Dinner and meeting at 6:30pm at Timberland. Lisa Lewis to make reservation.
- **Student Leadership Report** – regrets from Emma. Kristin Booth- Spirit Assembly last month went well. This month's is on Monday. Easter egg hunt a big success. Bake Sale at Parent Teacher another great success. Another meal on Wednesday 350 roll and 350 cookies from Dunsters and goulash. Dance on Wednesday- 2\$ or non-perishable food item. (\$ to Safe Grad food to Sharing Club). Swimming night coming in May. Safe Grad is having a bowling night on Friday night from 7-9.
- **DEC Report** – Rob Alexander – absent

Principal Report – Andrew Dobson.

- Updates: 1. Cyber bullying student seminar on Friday periods 2 and 3 Crown Prosecutor from St Stephen- Cyber Bullying and Cyber Safety.
- 2. Dan Martell coming June 1st to speak to the school. Motion from Lisa Lewis for PSSC to pay for a donation to Dan Martell's organization and for Sharla Munn's travel for our Cyberbullying presentation. Seconded by J. Booth. Motion carried.
- Discussion about printing in Learning Commons- concern students cannot print out their work. Miscommunication. School work can be printed to library. A. Dobson has already spoken to the new librarian about not charging kids for print outs.
- Maker Space room- 3D printer, sprout, some Mac computers. Amy Cook and Stacey Stairs have the room and the equipment but the 2 macs are not operational yet. Almost all technology is working- the new pods etc. The only items not fully operations are the 2 macs. Stephen MacEachern received a grant which resulted in a printer to printout large posters
- Cultural evening next Thursday- Around the World in 80 bites- pm SRHS and SMS, evening- community. S. Betts in charge of this.

- Grease was excellent!
- Alaina Lockhart is confirmed as our guest speaker.
- Mental Health 101- guidance lead coming to work with our guidance counsellors and speak with classes- Week of May 19th. Still working on details. Plan for 2017-2018 plan for these presentations earlier in the school year.
- Grad plans are well underway (J. Gaunce and S. Stairs). Funds are being raised. S. Stairs is seeking sponsors so if you know of any organization/company willing to help out, please pass their names along to her.
- Review of the School Improvement Plan 2016-2019. It is a living document. Goal is always on how to improve student learning. Additional emphasis on diversity. Constant reflection on teaching and co-planning and common assessment and consistency. Discussion of assessment- does it have value. Teaching is a craft and always trying to move forward on best practice. Constant focus on literacy. No assessment this year in grade 10. This year is a developmental year for assessments. ELPA did take place and it is a graduation requirement that must be completed to graduate. Continue to work on PBIS. Continuing to work on attendance and ISD. Seeing some success. Epipen recall and 2 new kinds were ordered. May 17th –GSA- International Awareness Day. M. Gillies and H. Kyle lead this and have over a dozen members. Staff being trained on respect and diversity on April 28th
- A. Dobson continuing to work on posting PSSC minutes online.
- J. Huggard continuing his column in the Kings County Record
- Still working on Powerschool with staff.
- ISD currently has an anxiety group going (females).
- Staff is discussing Advisory/Learning Period.

Question: Does the high school allow students who are home schooled to play school sports? A. Dobson to inquire to District Office.

Question posed to A Dobson: Are you planning returning as Principal again next year. This acting position was only for one year and it will be posted.

Question: Have teachers been supported by admin this year? Administration has worked hard to develop relationships and worked on being visible and approachable. Positive mood in the building.

Actions:

- **Make corrections to last month's meeting minutes**
- **S. Hayes to get Maker Space update from S. Stairs and A. Cook**
- **A. Dobson to speak to Admin about the idea of creating a Tech Club for computers etc.**
- **A. Dobson to speak with staff regarding no fee for school related printing in Learning Commons to encourage students to feel free to print out their work without worry about having to pay or not be able to print.**
- **A. Dobson to speak to A. Rioux about this year's ELPA results (will be out soon).**
- **A. Dobson to speak to district office about home schoolers playing on our school sports team.**
- **A. Dobson to send youtube video about Dan Martell- feel free to attend the assembly at 10am or 11 am on Friday.**

Next Meeting-

Thursday May 18th at the Timberland – 6pm Principal Review. 6:30 meeting and dinner.