

Sussex Regional High School Minutes as prepared by Amy Dow, for the meeting presented on November 19th 2019. Meeting commenced at 7:10pm with the following members in attendance:

Lori-Ann Lauridsen (Principal), Carol Green (Chair), Lory-Ann MacAskill (DEC Rep), Joan Babineau, Amy Dow, Lisa Lewis, Christine Matthews, Crystal Gray.

Renaming of the SRHS Gymnasium:

- Mr. Dave Baxendale & Dr. Mark Fleming present to the PSSC a proposal to rename the school gymnasium. Both men sit on the Dairytown Classic (DC) organizing committee. Heading into its 33rd year, this premier event has hosted teams from Ontario all the way to NFLD. The committee seeks to improve and support the sport of Basketball and its players by providing such things as new uniforms for players, score clocks, bursaries, etc. They presented a detailed list of accomplishments of a member of our community who has continually given back to the sport, the students and the community. It is the wish of the DC organizing committee to see that the SRHS gymnasium be named to honour the legacy this recipient. It was decided the name will be withheld until presented to the DEC for further approval and to maintain discretion. If approved, an official unveiling the end of Jan/ first of Feb would take place. Cost of signage and ceremony provided by the DC committee.

Review of the Minutes: Nothing to report.

Students Report: No students present at meeting, nothing to report.

Principals' Report:

- Ms. Lauridsen presented on several positive outcomes since the last PSSC meeting. Grade 9 Immunizations went well!
- The Post-Secondary Fair for Grade 11/12 was a success with approximately 40 presenters. The event was shared with both Hampton and Belleisle High Schools thereby cutting on the costs incurred to host the event. Carmen & Julie from the Grade 11 workroom provided extraordinary help to see the event become a success. There were few parents in attendance. An example of costs associated with the event is: tables (~\$900.00), food for vendors and helpers/staff, paper, etc.
- In the first of November of small ceremony was conducted in the front of the School to commemorate former SRHS teacher, Jamie Middleton. Grade 11 students in G3 planted a tree, sang songs, read poems and placed a monument in Mr. Middletons' memory.
- Fall Sports has seen some great gains for SRHS for the girl's field hockey team as well as Provincial Championship by the boys Football team (a title earned after 10 years!)
- SRHS is hosting two STU Interns from the 1st of November to the end of December.
- Grade 9 students participated in "Take your kids to work day". All students had a placement and the day received positive feedback.

- The Human Services 11.0 posed the question, “what do we want to do to give back to our community”. They decided on a Christmas Toy Drive, collecting toys for children between 6 months up to the age of 11.
- SRHS is involved in 3 pilot programs. 1) The Transition to Life (supplying students with various ability issues in their 11th year, to gain life skills for following graduation). This is a 2 year pilot and currently has 7 students participating. 2) Education Support Staff Team (how to make more effective). 3) The Essential Skills (currently in its 2nd year).
- Parent Teacher was attended by approximately 63 scheduled parents/guardians, 136 drop – ins and 22 phone requests.
- French Immersion Update: Ms. Lauridsen met with students to review the letter of curriculum from Gary Hall. Students must have 5 FI courses to graduate with a Diploma FI distinction. SRHS currently can only offers 5 FI courses to choose from, several online FI selections are also available to students which must be taken between Sept to June. Question posed: why was/is changes made not presented earlier in Grade 10 allowing students to better gauge course selection in order to have the required 5 FI courses in time for graduation. (Sciences currently are not available in FI). Originally the curriculum dictated that 25% of course selection is **recommended**, now reads, is **required**. This does not allow students preparing to exit to make any changes in order to obtain the FI distinction.
- SIP: SRHS is reviewing the section specifically on the culture/ school environment to ensure the school has all elements in place to promote a positive learning & working environment plan.
- Budget: Question posed: How to spend the money within the PSSC holdings. It is understood the monies are to be spent on the concept of communication. Committee decided to think on how this money would be best put to use. Decision must be made by the month of February.
- A newsletter was circulated which was presented by the DEC. “First Nation Education Newsletter”.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:06pm.