

SRHS PSSC Meeting December 12, 2018

Start time of 6:15 p.m.

In Attendance: Carol Green, Stephanie Bickford-Parent, Crista Vail, Lori Ann Lauridson, Lisa Lewis, Christene Celeste, Maeve Powning

Absent: Lori Ann McAskill (DEC), Natalie Gebauer, Jake and Sara Powning, Tammy Scott-Wallace, Joan Babineau, Crystal Grey

Guest Speaker: Kim Plume-Marr, Learning Specialist for the Department of Education

Our guest speaker spoke at length about the positive pilot project (The Essential Skills Achievement Pathway College Entry Program) that is being implemented in some schools throughout the district. It starts at SRHS in the new year. It is being funded by PETL - Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour. It will be addressing the very real probability of a major shortage of skilled workers that will be needed to fill upcoming vacant positions here in New Brunswick. It's aim is to keep students here in New Brunswick. The current main partner is NBCC. They are also looking at partnering with Eastern Business College, Oulten's and the Military. This program targets students who may be disengaged in the classroom but who would potentially be interested in learning a skilled trade. It addresses the gap that exists for a lot of these students who would lack the skills to attend these training facilities after completing high school. The Francophone school districts have already been implementing this program for the past 8 years. PSSC members all received handouts containing detailed information about the program. This looks very promising.

Leadership Update with Maeve Powning

- Leadership is transitioning into Student Council. There are internal elections currently happening within Leadership. Next school year there will be elected representatives for grade levels.
- Activities leading up to Christmas – Spirit days: Red and Green day, Ugly Sweater day, there will be an upcoming sled pull, and also hot chocolate. There was a Spirit Assembly last week – deemed a success. It had a variety of different performers and was well received by the students.

Principal Update with Lori Ann Lauridson

- NB Archives will be visiting SRHS to display items during January, February, and March
- The District is looking for PSSC members to sit on an appeal committee for DEC
- Regarding our PSSC budget. There was \$1570.00. Lori Ann purchased a 65" television for \$1083.00. She would like the leftover funds to be spent before March. We may also need a new bracket.

Action Item On Friday there will be a large Christmas breakfast for the students. PSSC members are to weigh in on whether or not to contribute remaining funds to breakfast to offset cost. *We weighed in via email and majority said yes to this. *

- **SIP** - Lori Ann met with Allan Davis (who works under district superintendent) to discuss SIP. The staff met on Nov. 23 to look at TTFM survey data from grade 12 and health as well as the wellness survey information and to then work on their mission statement. The main focal point is student and teacher accountability and involvement. This is still a work in progress.
- Question raised about the change in government policy involving chocolate milk and other drinks containing sugar being sold in schools... they had previously been banned but now the decision has been reversed by the current government. Now not only water in vending machines. Juice and chocolate milk are also available.
- The chef hired by the district will be visiting our school sometime in the near future. It was suggested that more information on meal nutritional content would be a good thing.

*Our next meeting will be held on February 6.

*Minutes taken by Stephanie B-P