

## PSSC – Sussex Regional High School

Minutes for the October 20th, 2020 meeting as presented by Amy Dow

Present: Lori-Ann Lauridsen (Principal), Carol Green (chair), Steve Harding (teacher rep), Natalie Gebauer, Amy Dow, Joan Babineau, Jacob Powning, Christine Matthews, Beth Nixon, Krystal Krick

Regrets: Lory-Ann MacAskill (dec rep), Becky Richardson, Shantelle Boyce

Meeting commenced @ 6:35pm in the school library. All members signed in, sanitized, wore a face covering and social distanced in keeping with covid19 guidelines.

- 1) Review of the minutes: last meeting was held in Feb/2020. All minutes were posted on the school website. Nothing to report.
- 2) Students report: in the event that this academic year has been presented in a rotational attendance method, students are still gaining a working knowledge of how to connect at large. For this reason, the student representatives were not present for this meeting. Any strategies implemented throughout the year can be found on the school website.
- 3) Norms for PSSC meetings:
  - meeting will commence at 6:30pm on Tuesdays with a duration of 45min to 1hr.
  - upcoming meetings scheduled for: Nov. 24, 2020, Feb. 23, 2020, Apr. 20, 2020.
  - meetings must be attended alone (if virtual, maintain confidentiality).
  - meetings may be held virtually (“teams/ zoom”) depending on the need.
- 4) PSSC documents & paperwork: Joan Babineau distributed a manual “the PSSC handbook”, for review.  
\* a sign-up sheet was distributed for PSSC members who wish to participate in the “appeals committee”.
- 5) Principals report:  
\* current student population (including compass & portage) – 642 students to date. This time last year the student population was at 696.  
Grade 12: 192  
Grade 11: 170  
Grade 10: 142  
Grade 9: 138

Teaching staff: 45  
EA's: 13  
1 full time librarian  
2 admin assistants

6.5 custodians

2 vice principals, 1 principal

Guidance:

1 full time counselor for grade 11/12

Slightly less than a 0.4 for grades 9/10

Lori-Ann stressed the importance of being sensitive to the mindset of others, being kind and compassionate in these difficult times.

It has been of the utmost importance to communicate with students and guardians with respect to the information provided by the district/school.

Both the school operational plan and the schools guide to practice were presented. A brief description of student life was given starting from the morning drop-off to entering the building, daily routines.... All while maintaining the covid19 guidelines for social distancing, mask protocol and daily sanitation of desks/chairs etc.

Due to poor sales the school cafeteria will close as of Friday, October 23, 2020. This will be revisited in January 2021. Ms. Stacey stairs still has money from a generous grant with access to more if needed. She is working hard at finding ways to supply the students with hot lunches while maintaining covid19 guidelines. There was recently an outdoor hot turkey lunch. Students do have access to microwaves.

The admin team must revisit the schools operational plan monthly, making adjustments as needed. The school web page has valuable information including a monthly calendar and the updated operational plan. In addition, a monthly newsletter has been developed in an effort to keep both students and guardians connected in regard to the ever-changing information.

Parent teacher will be held virtually this year on November 20th. Lori-Ann strongly encouraged guardians to connect with the teachers.

Budget:

The PSSC's budget for the year is \$1678 (last year at this time it was \$1675). The PSSC handbook details how this money is to be spent.

The essential skills program is still active along with the co-op program. The Sussex community has worked very hard to find placements for students given the COVID-19 restrictions.

Meeting adjournment: 7:15pm