Minutes

**PSSC**

March 17, 2016| Meeting called by LWall

# **In Attendance:** Lori Wall, Lori-Ann Lauridsen, Stacey Hayes-O’Hara, Judy Booth, Tanya Stockdale, Emma Wallace, Stephen Campbell, Paymon Tahershamsi, & Crystal Gray

# **Topics of Discussion**

Welcome- Reading and approval of minutes and agenda

To check if we received minutes from last month.

* PSSC Chair Report- Tanya Stockdale

1. Evaluation must be done before end of May – possibly before dinner
2. Last meeting – to send out some dates and a possible location for our May meeting

* Student Leadership Report – Emma

1. Provincial Spring Convention

Nancy Boucher – asked for student input

Mental health – A lot of guidance counsellors do not have time to counsel

Sexual health – Teen resource center in SJ that provide condoms and information packets. Dispensers in the washrooms is a possibility. Other schools have baskets in particular area of the school

SRHS has Nancy Gesner – This is well known in grade 9/10 but upper grade levels don’t have as much contact with her. Health and Phys Ed is not always taken by upper grade levels. There is a need for education among older grade levels.

What does Hampton or Woodstock handle this topic?

Concern about misuse or inappropriate use of condoms

Teen focus groups was suggested by Miss Wall – getting a pulse on what kids are thinking

Other resources: Sexual health clinic over at the Hospital & Sussex Crisis Pregnancy center

July 1st – new education plan to be announced

1. Battle of Sexes – for the month of April/May
2. Food drive
3. Team volunteered at Skills Trade Competition

Questions from Committee:

1. How many members? – 2 Gr 9, 2 Gr 10, 4 Gr 11, & 7 Gr 12 There are currently no titles but worried about certain groups not getting a chance to do things. Sub committees would be a good idea.
2. Are there some members on the Grad Committee? Yes but we would like to see 1 key person to be
3. Finances – still good. Bake sale at Parent Teacher and tried a basket but it didn’t go well
4. Graduation – some students leave from school sponsored events and then they go to private parties. Can we as a school do something about this? Emma heard that the meal was a big hit at the Christmas formal.

* DEC Report- Stephen Campbell

1. Highlight from his 4 years – initiative from students Gay Straight Alliance
2. Mental Health – last month’s meeting was the topic. For both student and staff is within the ends policy. How do you best use the limited resources?
3. Pending election on May 9th – two candidates for DEC Rob Alexander and Paymon Tahershamsi. Importance of voting.

Question: ISD – We lose some of our guidance FTE? Yes but not based on population or mental health needs

Teams should be announced shortly. Teams are housed in schools. Concern with the mental health needs at

an all time high – district office & mental health are aware. Mental health personal is here frequently.

Parents notified? Yes but they don’t always come to the school

* Principal Report- Lori Wall
* Skills Canada

Hosted a week ago and it was a great weekend. 2 SRHS students received silver

* Attendance Matters

New policy coming in the fall for our District having to do with student attendance, expectations for them and parents – still needs to go to staff first

* Power School

Scheduling and course selections are being worked

* Next Year and Numbers

779 this year and now 700 - 715 – we are still aware of the potential of this number moving down. We do have a large number of teachers with D contracts. One retiring from SRHS

* Assessment PD/Staff PD/Individual PLC meetings

Past Friday Core Leadership Team had activities for team building in the a.m. and then District Office presented 4 different sessions on assessment.

Monday was individual although some of the depts got together too

* Dr. Ann Marie Churchill – Resilience

Great presentation on mental health and skills for teens as they deal with some of these issues. It would be a great topic for teachers and students. Kids don’t know how to deal with stress or adapt to difficult situations. Parents and adults need to allow kids to struggle and figure out how to get out of the hard stuff.

* Graduation

Busy time of year. Exams 13-17th and Grad week 20-24th

Other

1. New heating system going out back
2. Suicide prevention meeting – C Gray – How do we bring awareness to the school? There are 2 volunteers from SRHS student body this year and it would be nice for them to present to the PSSC

Lots of good info came from Dianne L in guidance to classrooms for that week/month

Lori has the fear teachers are feeling overloaded as they were hired as educators who are now having to have so many other skills when it comes to taking care of our students and their safety

1. Stephen – how do we better inform parents/community?
2. Suggestion of a video to demonstrate the reality of the high school life - RTIP – protects us from showing particular things at SRHS

**Action Item**

1. Lori to check on minutes from last month
2. Emma to check with Hampton and other like size schools about good sexual health choices
3. Lori to e mail colleagues to find out if they give out condoms and if so where students can get thems

# **Next Meeting-**

? May, 2016