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RHS PSSC regular(virtual) meeting minutes February 23rd, 2021 Location: Microsoft Teams

Chair: Sam Shaw and Liz Tait

PSSC Members Present: Sam Shaw, Christina Barrington, Sara Shillington, Tracey LeRoy, Liz Nice, Deanne Long, Suzie Villacastin, Liz Tait, Christine Reevey, Angela Warman, Kevin Finnigan, Jon Barry and Tiffany MacKay French
Regrets: Craig Woolard

	Discussion	Action/Motion
1	Review and approval of the agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve: JoAnne• Second: Tiffany
2	Review and approval of meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve: Tiffany• Second: Liz T
3	Business arising from the minutes: - None	
	New business: Student Report:	

We decorated the School for a start of second semester and that was a big hit! We're really grateful that we can have some newer decorations that are in good shape that we can use for years to come!

This month haven't been able to do much, but instead of the love assembly we have every year, we made bachelor/bachelorette videos instead! Both spirit teams (a-k and l-z) are working on that.

Pink day is on the 23rd and 24th, to raise awareness for anti-bullying! We are hoping this will go well and we will have lots of participation!

We're hoping that the months after March break, the weather will start to improve and we'll be able to start planning some events considering we can have more people gathered outside.

But for right now we're keeping things simplistic because a lot of people are exhausted because of the covid slump, which affects our participation rates greatly.

Principal's Report:

- **Housekeeping items feedback:**
- Alternating Days – no more set schedule! A-K will always follow L-Z.
- SNOW DAYS – if A-K misses due to school closure they will come the next day and the schedule will move forward.
- Bathroom rule – 1 at a time!
- **Every Class will;**

- Start the class with a “Today We Will...” and take attendance (Present or Absent)
- NO MORE DL.
- Optional RECORDING for simple play back
- Use ClassNotebook for;
- Syllabus – Landing Page designed by Brianne White.
- Weekly Plans – broken down by day
- Use Assignments Tab (Turn Off S1)
- ALL Summative should be included
- Formative is optional but if included;
- Use the Category Tag – COUNTS for MARKS or DOES NOT COUNT FOR MARKS
- **Key Dates:**
- Course Selection – Mar 8 – Mar 31
- Grade 9 Parents – Tues Mar 9
- Grade 10 & 11 Parents – Tues Mar 16
- Re-Assessment Week - Apr 6 – Apr 9
- Marks Due – Monday April 12 @9am
- Parent Teacher AM - Wednesday April 14
- Parent Teacher PM – Thursday April 15 (4-6pm)
- Re-Assessment Week – June 14-17
- Marks Due – Monday June 21
- Grad Week – June 21-25
- Graduation Thursday June 24
- ****Reason for separate grade meetings: grade 9 parents need to hear about the new enrichment opportunity and grade 10 and 11 can focus more on post-secondary options.**

- **Reassessment week:**
- Q3: 1 task
- Tuesday April 6 & Wednesday April 7 – will be formal re-assessment dates where no new material will be presented.
- Thursday April 8 & Friday April 9 – will be extra dates if you require them in your subject area.
- Q3 will then be closed on April 9 and Q4 will start Monday April 12
- Q4: 2 tasks
- Monday June 14 & Tuesday June 15 – all students will be required to attend to ensure that all work is completed and any possible re-assessment occurs.
- Wednesday June 16 & Thursday June 17 – parents can excuse students who do not require any further re-assessment work. This will also be when 2-hour exams can be held if required.
- **New AP Capstone:**
- *Participating in AP Capstone can help students:*
- Stand out to universities in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in university and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn university credit: Many universities offer credit for qualifying scores.
- **Enrichment timetable:**
- Grade 9
- Inquiry & Intervention Workshops
- Grade 10
- Enriched Eng, Math, Science (Bio 111, Chem 111)
- Grade 11
- Pre-AP Level 1 Courses with AP Seminar

- Grade 12
- 4 AP Courses and AP Research (2022-2023)
- **Outcome Bases Assessment:**
- Teachers are beginning to engage in the work of aligning their grading directly to outcomes from the curriculum
- 100% would mean the student knows, can explain and can apply content in new contexts.
- It will be clear to students and families where there are weaknesses (work to be done) – this directly connects with the concept of re-assessment.
- Marks should wind up sufficiently distributed across the range from 50% - 100%
- **Scholarship Myth Busting:**
- Large, Big Name Scholarships – marks are only a portion of the consideration
- University Entrance – they have their own calculation but they only use the 6 or 7 grades of the entrance requirement courses to calculate it – all other courses are ignored.
- School Based ones – we drop the low grade and give bonuses for enriched level courses.
- Financial Need factors into many of them!
- **Graduation Planning:**
- *What is set already:*
- Graduation Ceremony will look the same as last year with some small modifications based on our experience
- Prom (a dinner and dance) cannot happen.
- Gatherings any larger than 50 ppl indoors are not possible.

- Anything we plan will be for the graduates only – no outside guests or students from other grade levels
- *What is still possible:*
- What phase we will be in by June will determine the full picture of what we can do
- Desire to host the full class in the halls of RHS using our COVID-19 operational plan is high
- The students want to be in “one place” at the same time.
- **Virtual Additions to Graduation:**
- *Virtual Awards Ceremony:*
- Hosted by students
- Major awards and extra-curricular highlights
- Watch parties can be hosted at home
- Art can be showcased as well as musical pieces shared.
- *Virtual Graduation Ceremony:*
- Speeches – Valedictory, Salutatory, Commencement Address
- Photos of all grads along with major awards, post secondary destination will be shown.
- Music performances by some of our students
- **Alternatives to Prom/Safegrad:**
- *Daytime:*
- Afternoon BBQ – eat outdoors socially distanced and throughout the building
- Yearbook signing
- Rooms decorated by post secondary destination so group photos (a tradition) can still happen
- Outdoor games that are Covid Safe can be played

- Attempt at a full class photo on the back field (socially distanced)
- *Evening:*
- Suggestion: Casino Night
- Formal wear can be on show
- Masks would have to be worn and Operational Plan from school days would be followed
- Rooms decorated by post secondary destination so group photos (a tradition) can still happen
- Food could be served if students ate around the building in small groups socially distanced.
- Other ideas?
- **An Important Ask: Please share with others!**
- We understand the desire to make memories for your graduate and we know that you will do you best under the COVID-19 restrictions.
- Please do not attempt to plan large events that circumvent the school plans or public health protocols.
- Events intended to be inclusive last year did not feel inclusive for all students, especially to those who were not included in the planning. While the intentions were noble to make Prom possible, some students were left feeling excluded or less important than their peers.
- Our best bet is to offer events that are designed and run via Rothesay High so that all students can be included and welcome.
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5 Once Around the Table-

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liz T: Thank you Christina for bringing enrichment opportunities to RHS. - Elizabeth Nice: it's a good idea to have that initiative for students to take enriched courses to add the bonus when calculating marks for scholarships. 	
6	Next scheduled meeting date: March 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action:</u>
7	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm