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RHS PSSC regular meeting minutes Location: Staff Room, March 25, 2019

Chair: Sam Shaw and Joan Creighton

PSSC Members Present: Stephanie Tomilson, Sara Shillington, Liz Tait, Linda Sherbo (DEC representative), Christine Reevey, Sarah Kimball, Elizabeth Nice, Bill Borland, Sam Shaw, Tracey LeRoy, Joan Creighton and Dave Simms

	Discussion	Action/Motion
1	Review and approval of the agenda. -	•
2	Review and approval of meeting minutes	• Approval:
3	Business arising from the minutes: - Elizabeth: Have a parent night for course selections.	
	New business: - Student report from Stephanie: Student Council had a spirit week and it went well. Things are busy right now with the musical. We have many students involved in the musical and sports teams. There is a concern with not having a Sr. Boys Volley Ball coach. We put out notices and did	

not receive any responses for what we need. Unfortunately, we do not have a team this year.

Principal's Report:

- We have been working on the compassion section for our School Improvement Plan. We are working on a program for students on how to cope. It is a small group setting (6-8 kids) and KV Oasis runs this program. The Zen Den is located by the guidance office. We are still working out how to regulate the use of the Zen Den. Its purpose is for students to use this room for 15-20 min of quiet. GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) is going to a conference in May. We are looking at gender-neutral washrooms. In the School Improvement Plan, we are still working on having seniors come into the school.
- We installed 6 new cameras in the school to help with blind spots.
- Rothesay High holds a seat in "The Hive" at the Town of Rothesay for an opportunity for students in Co-op to work with the seniors. May 25th is the grand opening for the centre. We will hopefully send our co-op student in September.
- Vaping in the building has been ok. The police are going to start issuing tickets for vaping inside the building at \$172.50.
- Office 365: we had someone come in from the district to offer training for staff and students on how to use office 365 to help with our paper trail.
- Compass: Each school has about 15-25 students and Rothesay High has 2 students.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- French Night was a success. Everyone is speaking French no matter what level of French you are. We are improving our French levels and (hopefully) will be introducing a conversational French course next year.- Course fair: our schedule will not have as much freedom as we have had in the past since we are such a small school. Grade 10's will now have one credit course instead of two. Their choices will be limited because it is best for student in grade 10 to have a larger math background before taking physics. French Immersion students need to have five courses in immersion. Since we have not been able to offer five courses, our immersion students do not count in the provincial data. We are going to offer enough immersion courses next year to meet the minimum. We have two different sheets for the grade 10s and 11s. Tomorrow, we have grade 10s coming into the cafeteria first for teachers to try and "sell" their elective and then followed by the grade 11s. Karrie Harris will then go through all English classes, as she has done in the past, to finish going over course selections with the students.- We got a new class set (30) of computers in the building.- Sam: PSSC budget. We had to spend our budget so Joan and I made a decision to let Stephanie go ahead and purchase 2 microscopes. September 2019 meeting we will discuss how to spend our money and hopefully by Christmas have an idea of how to spend that. | |
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5	<p><u>Once Around the Table-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liz: maybe make a plan on how to spend our budget for the next (3?) years. - Linda: Wednesday DEC is having a meeting on French Immersion. Two ministers have done reports on the start date of immersions and both came back with a grade 1 start date. The problem may not be the start date, but could be the program we are using across the province. Attendance: trying to separate between chronic absenteeism and those absent for hockey tournaments etc. It has gotten to be a much bigger topic and I worry we are lumping that into the same category. In Ontario, they are finding the student's attitude has changed towards being in school (they don't see the importance). It's not just about the number of days missed, but about kids not valuing education. Also, I'm impressed with Jackie Smith and Heather Porter using grant money to improve their classrooms. - Dave: are we having university days where they come in and present? Stephanie: yes. - Tracey: Wondering about the attendance.. is it a small group who are chronically absent? Stephanie: yes. - Joan: Thank you again Liz and everyone for the 12 days of Christmas! - Bill: Before coming to this meeting, I was at the RHS Water Polo practice and it is looking like they are going to do really well at their tournament. - Stephanie: Jenny Shea won the National Inclusion Award from New Brunswick Association of Community Living. 	
6	Next scheduled meeting date: April 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action:

7	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 7:50
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