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RHS PSSC regular meeting minutes April 27th, 2021 Location: Cafeteria

Chair: Sam Shaw and Liz Tait

PSSC Members Present: Sam Shaw, Christina Barrington, Sara Shillington, Sarah Buckley (Student Rep), Tracey LeRoy, Liz Tait, Christine Reevey, Kevin Finnigan and Craig Woolard
Regrets: Tiffany MacKay French, Liz Nice and Suzie Villacastin

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

- We were going to have Grade 11 Night tomorrow, but, because of COVID, that event has been postponed.
- For May:
 - we are *hoping* to have a multicultural day May 20th - 21st.
 - We are also hoping to have a “wellness week” next month.
 - Last week of classes: Spirit Week (Theme Days TBD)
 - New SRC roles: Spirit Head will now be an elected position and a few new positions are in the works. Applications and elections will take place next month.
 - Survey on sexual violence. Some students did a survey at RHS in select classes last week to collect data. To prepare for the survey, these students did research and talked to experts in the field to learn how to appropriately ask these questions, as it is a difficult subject to talk about. In the data, students noticed a few trends:
 - 9s & 10s believe that sexual violence occurs much more than what our 11s & 12s expressed in their survey.
- We are still tabulating data, so we will have more concrete answers next month.

Principal’s Report:

- Leading by example: students have really been the ones to lead by example this month after receiving the news that all high school students will be back together full time and then have that taken away. They tried to stay as positive as possible.

- Teacher Appreciation: Thank you! Teachers loved the day the PSSC put together for them.
- **Survey Results:**
- Grad Class – strongest wants:
 - Being together
 - Prom Attire
 - Amazing Race
 - Awards
- We have to wait and see what we are allowed to do for graduation since there are new variants in the province.
- Student Population – Hybrid Learning (In progress)
- Same ratings for how is your school year going – no change.
- Positives = rest, managing work, easy to find stuff
- Areas for Improvement = breaks, seeing your friends, grads back together
- 66% Very Comfortable (compared with 50% in Jan)
- Assignments Tab and General Feed are still the most used & valued features
- No change in areas of difficulty – Focus and motivation are still tough!
- More Students are completing work at night now then were in January (?) That is concerning and the new 10 minute calls were supposed to help students stay on task throughout the school day
- Spending less time on tasks at home now compared with Jan.
- Fewer kids like the synchronous now than they did in January. This is interesting because more teachers are teaching synchronous than in January.
- **Tell them from me survey:**

- *Social Emotional Outcomes:*
- **59% = Sense of Belonging**
- 62% = Value School Outcomes
- 29% = Regularly Truant
- 96% = Positive Behaviour at School
- **27% = interested and motivated**
- **66% = Effort to Succeed**
- 32% = Moderate to High Anxiety
- 32% = Moderate to High Depression
- *Drivers of Student Outcomes:*
- **Students rated Effective Learning Time 6.8/10**
- **Student rated the Rigor 6.6/10**
- 13% said they were victims of moderate to severe bullying
- 68% reported feeling safe at school
- Points of Interest →
- **49% said they were learning new and exciting things at school**
- **73% said they feel connected to at least one adult at RHS**
- **School Improvement Plan – Update:**
- *Teaching with Technology Tools:*
- PL monthly since Feb:
- TEAMS
- FLIPGRID
- NEARPOD
- One to One laptop program is here to stay so...
- Screen time discussion
- Cell Phone Norms
- Student Responsibility for catch-up

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Assessment/Grading Practice:</i> - Outcomes Based Assessment - 48% of grades 90+. (S1 data) - We need to base our grades on the evidence of learning the outcomes In the course. - PL on how to make this happen within our existing gradebooks but also in practice in the classroom - Re-Assessment at grades 9 & 10 to stay. Credit courses will be evaluated subject by subject. - John Hattie – Teacher Clarity & Feedback are two of the top 10 factors that influence student achievement. - 	
5	<p><u>Once Around the Table-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracey: Laptops: is the intent to use textbooks next year instead of laptops? It seems like there is a lot of screen time at home. Christina: I could possibly see more screens after the lesson is taught, but I don't think we will get rid of textbooks. - Liz Tait: High anxiety and depression: talk to parents about this stat to make sure they are aware and maybe parents are adding too much pressure to their kids when that is not the intent. Maybe have an expert come in to speak to parents about how to help and encourage their kids instead of adding stress. 	

6	Next scheduled meeting date: May 25th	• <u>Action:</u>
7	Adjournment	• Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm