

KVHS PSSC Minutes
March 15, 2022

In attendance: JoEllen Jensen (Principal), Oliver VanBuskirk (Student Leadership Team Rep), Stephanie Costain (Teacher rep), Rosemarie Kingston (Chair), Andrew MacBean, Carmen Atkinson, Roger Nesbitt (DEC rep), Carolyn McCoy (recording secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Minutes of January 18, 2022 meeting

There were no errors or omissions. The agenda was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

a. Branding of Crusaders

The Crusader has been rebranded as the KV Blue Knight. An announcement was made using social media, a press release and an assembly.

b. Update of PSSC Budget Allocation

The budget allocation for outdoor learning spaces was dispersed as agreed to at the previous meeting. The Essential Skills Class has worked with the school to assist in the selection and construction of seating for the outdoor learning space.

5. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

6. Reports

a. Principal's Report

COVID restrictions have been removed as per provincial direction. Staff and students seem to have welcomed the change. Some students/staff continue to mask and this has been well received.

Two supply teachers have been assigned to KVHS. Staff absences require some last-minute adjustments to staff schedules to ensure students are appropriately supported.

Rehearsals are underway for the school musical (*High School Musical*) which will be staged in May. Winter sports are ending and spring sports are getting under way. The Reach for the Top teams are competing in their first in-person competition since the onset of the pandemic.

Course selections are starting for the 2022-23 academic year.

Advisory classes are participating in the Canadian Geography Challenge. The Essential Skills Class completed a project to refurbish the trophy case in the lobby. A project to support people in the Ukraine is being developed.

b. Student Leadership Report

The student leaders in grade 12 have been given a prep period to work on leadership initiatives and planning. Love Week was celebrated the week of February 14 and featured activities throughout the week. Swinter Week occurred during the week prior to March Break and featured summer-themed activities throughout the week. Students will be encouraged to wear green for St. Patrick's Day and members of the Leadership Team will pass out swag to those who do.

It was noted that it is nice to see how active the Leadership Team has been. They have worked hard to give students fun activities during the stress caused by the pandemic.

Grad fees are due and cover the cap and gown. There will be a Grad Dinner in late May where superlatives will be announced.

7. Date of May Meeting

The May meeting will occur on May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. This is an important meeting as the committee will complete the Principal's evaluation.

8. Once Around the Table:

- Roger Nesbitt noted that the province is reviewing the governance structure for the school system. This may see the DEC-PSSC model change. The committee provided some feedback to Roger and the DEC and stressed that they recommend ensuring strong voices for each school, rather than a more regional model whereby one committee represents and discusses multiple schools across the region. More information will follow as it becomes available.