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Kennebecasis Valley High School Parent School Support Committee

November 18, 2019, 6:30PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Hall, Kelly Sisk, Rose Kolli, Stephanie Costain (teacher representative), Rosemarie Kingston, Jennifer LeBlanc, Carmen Atkinson, Curtis Langille, JoEllen Jensen (Principal), Marty, Bill Allen.

REGRETS: Keegan Miller (student representative), Carolyn McCoy, Andrew MacBean, Roger Nesbitt

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.
2. Agenda was approved with the addition of one item: PSSC budget update.
3. Record of October 15, 2019 meeting (**Appendix A**) was approved.
4. Correspondence and Housekeeping
 - a. J. Comeau asked the committee if future meetings could be moved to 6:30PM from 7:00PM. The committee supported this change.
5. Outstanding Action Items
 - a. Grade 9 Wellness Fair – C. McCoy was unable to attend the meeting, but forwarded a note stating this event was all set for Thursday, November 21st. She only asked that 15 tables and chairs be set up in the small gym. S. Costain and A. MacBean confirmed they will ensure this is done. S. Costain also indicated she can photocopy the questionnaire given to grade 9 students if required.
6. Feedback on Department of Education's Green Paper: Can provide feedback
 - a. There was a discussion regarding whether the committee wanted to submit any collective feedback on the Department of Education's green paper distributed at the October meeting. It was agreed that individual feedback would be more efficient.
 - b. For anyone interested in learning more or providing feedback, you can access the full report here which also includes links to feedback forms:
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/promo/summit/GreenPaper.pdf>.
7. Principal's report (J. Jensen) – Attached as **Appendix A**
 - a. As a follow-up to the Principal's Report, J. Jensen asked the committee for feedback on the format of the parent-teacher interviews held last week. While overall the committee likes the format of having the interviews in the cafeteria, some general comments included the following:
 - i. Sometimes teachers were not at their stations.

- ii. It is difficult to know where exactly to stand when waiting for another parent to finish.
 - b. J. Jensen shared mock-ups for the rebranding of the school's lobby. The project is intended to refresh the aging school and increase school pride. It will be funded predominantly through funds received through international student enrolments. The mock-ups were well received and supported by the Committee.
- 8. PSSC's Budget update - \$2,486.40
 - a. Last year went to school opening bbq and re-branding artwork design.
 - b. Committee members are encouraged to think about how best to spend this year's budget which will be formally discussed at the January meeting.
- 9. Student Leadership report (K. Miller presented by S. Costain in his absence) – Attached as **Appendix B**
- 10. Once Around the Table
 - a. K. Sisk asked about the concrete blocks in parking lot and wondered why some are painted and some are not. J. Jensen indicated she is aware it looks a bit messy but that it is difficult to access the painter who works for the district. It was suggested that maybe this could become an art project for students in the spring.
 - b. C. Atkinson asked about the salting/sanding services at the school in light of the extreme slippery conditions of the parking lot the previous week. J. Jensen indicated that at the time of that first storm, the district had yet to finalize its contract with the snow removal company for the coming season. She will follow up with them again.
 - c. R. Koll indicated that it is difficult to find the school when approaching hard to find school when coming from arterial as the lighting not good. It was suggested that at a minimum, perhaps the Town of Quispamsis could repaint the crosswalk lines in reflective paint. J. Jensen investigate the available options.
 - d. M. McCarthy asked about the Cabaret scheduled for December 12th. S. Costain indicated that this event was reintroduced last year after several years of having no school dances. The event, which is run as a semi-formal, was well received and attended by students.
 - e. B. Allen asked about the extent of vaping within the school, and J. Jensen indicated that they are aware of students attempting to vape within the building though reports of such are down over last year. B. Allen stated the he is aware of some schools in the U.S. installing vaping monitors in school washrooms. J. Jensen will investigate.
- 11. Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

APPENDIX A: Principal's Report , November 18, 2019

1. Athletics – Softball team won provincials!

- Winter sports teams (4 bball, 2 hockey) are all up and running.
- Big crowds at hockey home openers and Rip Seeley games

2. Arts – our music program is going strong with the Blue Tones and concert band played in our Remembrance Day ceremony and the ceremony at the Q-Plex. They also have a concert scheduled in early December at the Shannex.

3. Academics –

- Report cards went home on November 9. Parent-teacher interviews were successful.
- A perfect attendance celebration is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 27.
- Continued scholarship info and university visits

Other initiatives:

- PIECon
- Take Our Kids to Work day
- School clothing sales
- Immunization clinic
- Celebration Assembly
- School Mark
- School Improvement Pilot
- Student Leadership conference
- Renaissance book sale
- HEC High School Assessment conference November 22
- Christmas Concert December 5
- Christmas Cab – December 12
- Christmas market – December 17

PSSC budget -- \$2486.40

APPENDIX B: Student Leadership Report, November 18, 2019

The Leadership team has had a productive and eventful month. On a social level, Fright Night, which was a new spin on the former “Spook Trail” was a success, with lots of student involvement and public attendance.

We have held 2 theme weeks – Halloween week and Spirit Week. Spirit week involved dress up days and a Celebration Assembly, which was designed to increase morale, and highlight what has been taking place in the school since Sept. The 3 Teams who won Provincial Banners were celebrated and certificates were given to students who have gone above and beyond in the 3 A’s – Arts, Athletics, and Academics. In total, over 30 students were recognized individually along with the 3 teams.

In sports, both the men’s and women’s hockey teams have held their home openers and the RIP Seely basketball games were played at Rothesay high.

A Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on Nov 7th for students and staff of KVHS. Cadets, the choir, band and individual students helped in the organization and execution of the ceremony. On Nov 11, the Blue Tones sang at the Qplex, and a wreath was lain on behalf of the school.

School and grad clothing is being sold on Cashless School system for the rest of the week and next. Deliveries are expected to be here before the Christmas break.

KV sent 4 students and 3 advisors to the NB Student Council conference in Fredericton last week. Both the Renaissance group and the Leadership team were represented. It was informative and fun for all.

Upcoming Events are Casino night on Nov 20 (\$5) and the Christmas Cabaret on Dec 12 (price not yet determined). Finally, a Grad Class potluck and give exchange is planned for the evening of Dec 18.