

KVHS PSSC MINUTES

Location: KVHS Library
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Time: 6:30-8:00PM
Facilitator: Jana Comeau

Agenda Items

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
2. Essential Skills Program presentation (Jen Nicholson and current students)
 - 2.1. New program offered this year at KVHS which is part of a provincial initiative. The current 8 students, chosen from 50 applicants, started in second term of grade 10. Students spend 2 hours per day working on a skills/competency approach to meeting curriculum high school outcomes instead of being enrolled in traditional classes. The students drive their own projects, and are able to align them with subject areas that are personally meaningful for them, and aligned with their post-secondary and career goals.
 - 2.2. The next class will be recruited from current grade 10 students, and the successful applicants will begin in the second term.
3. Provincial High School change (JoEllen Jensen): Addition of credit system for grade 10s is among one of the proposed changes coming to the high school curriculum which are expected to start with current grade 9s. Students currently in other grades will be grandfathered under the existing structure. More information will be provided as details are released from the Province.
4. Millican Drive complaints (JoEllen Jensen): Students are walking through a neighbour's yard during school hours to get to a 'fort' in the woods behind the house. The neighbour is quite upset and keeps calling the school seeking a solution. The challenge is that it is not on school property, Police have been involved, and are aware of the matter, but state that current laws do not allow for charges under the trespass laws because the occurrences are happening during the day, not after dusk. JoEllen will keep the group apprised of any progress in this ongoing issue.
5. One at a time therapy information session hosting (JoEllen Jensen): Quispamsis Middle School and Quispamsis Elementary School have approached KVHS about hosting and partnering in an information session for parents about a one-at-a-time therapy model that to become available to students. Details of this event will follow,

but committee members felt there would be support among KVHS parents for such an initiative.

6. 2022/2022 PSSC Budget Discussion

6.1. The only suggestion put forward this year was to contribute the committee budgetary allocation towards activities and games for the lower-level flex space that is being planned. The space will involve removal of the lockers on the lower-level to provide a meaningful and fun meeting space for more of the students. The space in its present layout is difficult for staff to monitor and is not used for productive purposes. Present members were supportive of this idea, but there was not quorum so voting is tabled until the next meeting.

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report (JoEllen Jensen)

- 7.1.1. A new School Improvement Plan is underdevelopment. There are four teams doing a data dive that will become background for a staff planning day to be held during the professional development day scheduled for December 2, 2022.
- 7.1.2. Athletics – softball girls won gold in the provincial championships and a new gym floor has been installed in time for the basketball season.
- 7.1.3. Academic awards for the 2021/2022 school year will be held on Monday, November 7th during Advisory period.
- 7.1.4. Report cards going out November 14th and parent teacher conferences will be held November 17th and 18th.
- 7.1.5. KV students will be participating in the Climate Action Summit in Fredericton.
- 7.1.6. Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held for first time since Covid.
- 7.1.7. PI con – students attended this conference this past weekend.
- 7.1.8. Reach for the Top will be travelling again this year.
- 7.1.9. New clubs this year: Philanthropy club, Dungeons and Dragons
- 7.1.10. NB student provincial leadership conference is to be held November 4th and 5th.
- 7.1.11. Staff celebration – Four KVHS teachers/coaches were awarded the Queen's Jubilee Award for their dedicated work related to students over the years.

7.2. Student Leadership Report (Eric Urquhart)

- 7.2.1. \$2,000 contribution to Canadian cancer society research from Pink Week
- 7.2.2. Pink Day Assembly was held on the soccer field
- 7.2.3. Grad day apple picking – 120 students participated.
- 7.2.4. Halloweek events occurred throughout the week of October 24-28.
- 7.2.5. Four KVHS students will be representing the school at the provincial leadership conference on November 4/5.
- 7.2.6. Upcoming Events:
 - 7.2.6.1. Grade 11 Amazing Race (all at the school) – November 7th after school.
 - 7.2.6.2. Coffee House – December 7
 - 7.2.6.3. Christmas Cabaret – December 15
 - 7.2.6.4. Belinda's Bash – TBD

7.3. DEC (Roger Nesbitt) – not present/no report.

8. Future meetings

- 8.1. November 29, 2022 6:30PM
- 8.2. January 17, 2022, 6:30PM
- 8.3. TBD

9. Once Around the Table n/a

10. Adjournment 8:30PM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 6:30PM