

KVHS PSSC Minutes – November 19th, 2018

In Attendance: JoEllen Jensen (Principal), Carolyn Campbell, Stephanie Costain (Teacher representative), Molly Lannigan (Student representative), Carmen Atkinson, Darren Ferguson, Curtis Langille, Tracy MacPhee, Andrew McBean, Carolyn McCoy, Doug Myles, Elizabeth Hall, Ingrid Harris, Jennifer LeBlanc

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:01
Minutes were recorded by Tracy MacPhee

2. **Approval of the Agenda** – There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion to approve: Darren Ferguson
Second: Doug Myles
Motion carried. The agenda was approved as pre-circulated.

3. **Approval of October Minutes:**
Motion to Approve: Darren Ferguson
Second: Curtis Langille
Motion Carried

4. **Correspondence** – no correspondences

5. **Student Representative Report**– Molly Lanigan

Belinda’s Bash – lots of assistance from leadership team and pods

Spirit assembly – 140 awards distributed

Remembrance Day Assembly – Blue Tones performed

Disney Week – fun activities at lunchtime

Rip Seeley – excellent participation, feedback very positive

Christmas Parade – Blue & White theme; help needed for setup; looking for white & blue lights and artificial trees

12 Days of Christmas – Dec 6-21st, Cabaret upcoming in mid-December

Grad Christmas party – December 19th

Coffee House – December 5th

6. Outstanding Action Items –

Grade 9 Wellness Fair was held on November 1st and was attended by Carmen Atkinson and Carolyn McCoy. Notes below provided from Carolyn-

The Grade 9 Wellness Fair was held on the morning of November 1. The following groups were represented and each presented information on a health or wellness topic to the students: District Healthy Learner Nurse (a variety of wellness topics), Drivewise Atlantic Driving Academy (road safety), KVHS Health Nurse (sexual health, health services available at KVHS), KV Oasis (services available at KV Oasis), KVHS Work Room (services available at KV Oasis), Portage (addiction awareness and information on the services offered through Portage), Kennebecasis Regional Police Force (road safety, substance use), Saint John Regional Hospital Trauma unit (concussion awareness and prevention), Sweet Caroline Foundation (allergy and anaphylaxis awareness, autoinjector use), Town of Quispamsis Recreation Services (services available in Quispamsis), and TRC Youth Resource Centre (services offered at TRC). Students were each given a questionnaire to complete by visiting the booths, which helped encourage them to engage with the presenters. Every participating presenter was sent a thank you card from the PSSC.

7. New Action Items-

- a. Policy 711 (nutrition policy) – JoEllen Jensen provided overview of policy
 - Committee reviewed the Appendix C – How are We Doing? Assessment
 - Discussed opportunities to improve school's food environment
 - Opportunities to make food available for children in need
 - Opportunities for partnerships to promote healthy living (apple orchards, local markets, etc)
 - Carmen, in her role as Public Health nurse, provided background on policy development
 - Students were communicated to in advisory and discussed how to make advisory breakfasts fall within the policy
 - Many on the committee feel that that the updated policy focuses more on enforcement rather than healthy choice, balance, wellness
 - School is lacking in budget to promote the policy
 - It was expressed that Policy 711 should be part of a school improvement plan; not realistic to be implemented within a 6-12 month period. The culture change will take time
 - Curriculum could be modified as part of next school improvement plan to include outcomes related to Policy 711
 - Policy does not differentiate between closed school event and public event
 - PSSC's recommendation is to implement into SIP; concern over it being a prohibition rather than balance, and minimal focus at high school level on exercise and active living

8. Principal's Report –

1. Arts

- BlueTones and choir will perform at the Shannex.
- Choir is singing in Empty Stocking Fund.
- Both groups will be on our parade float.

2. Athletics

- Football team finished 2nd in province
- Rip Seeley game and hockey home opener were last week.
- Implemented a “Student-Athlete Academic Intervention” plan
- Some of our teams will be on parade float

3. Academics

- Perfect attendance breakfast on Thursday
- Assessment “conference” on Friday
- French magician
- PitchFest
- Hospitality and Tourism fair
- Post-secondary expo at HMCS Brunswicker
- Incompletes on report cards rather than extremely low mark

Other initiatives:

- SchoolMark program confirmed. Bonus of 2 registrations at Josten’s conference in Orlando.
- SpookTrail was huge success again
- Cannabis Forum
- VTRA II and digital threat assessment
- Provincial Renaissance Conference held at KV Oct 19
- 5 teachers went to provincial assessment conference
- 4 teachers going to Toronto for assessment conference
- Wellness surveys and Tell Them for Me surveys
- Parade float – we need help!

9. Once Around the Table

- a. Carmen Atkinson – question around attendance
- b. Ingrid Harris – questioned Molly Lanigan on the student’s perspective on Policy 711.
Inquired about update on the School Mark activity

10. Time and Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will occur Monday, January 21st at 7:00pm

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:18