

Minutes

Blacks Harbour School PSSC Meeting

Sept 11th , 2018. 7:00pm

Present: Jo-Ann Schwarze (Principal), Joleane Aymar (Teacher Rep) Cheryl Stuart, Claudette Melanson, Keri Lyons, Donna Fairweather, Robin Shaw, Cara Hatt, Jen Thompson, Sherry Henderson

- Jo-Ann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 1. **Housekeeping:** Sign-up sheets were passed out for members updating their contact information, and each member signed a declaration form.
- 2. **What is the P.S.S.C:** Jo-Ann shared a power point presentation explaining what the P.S.S.C was, what each member is required to do, and reviewed a list of items that we touch on each year at meetings.

➤ **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Advise the Principal on education and policy issues
- Work with the Principal to monitor the School Improvement Plan
- Review the School Report Card and School Review results
- Participate in hiring of Principal and Vice-Principal, at the request of the Superintendent
- Communicate with the DEC on PSSC matters

➤ **MEETING ITEMS:**

- Early Fall – Orientation Meeting [September]
- Late Fall – SIP Review [Oct. – Nov.]
- Early Winter – School/Provincial Report Card [Dec – Jan]
- Mid-Winter – Review of school initiatives, SIP, school data [Feb]
- Early Spring – School Improvement Plan Review [April]
- Late Spring – Wrap up

3. **Student Attendance:** Discussed the recurring issue with poor student attendance at B.H.S.
 - 28.9 % of BHs students are chronically absent
 - This spans across all grade levels K-5

4. **Nutrition Policy:** Discussed the new nutrition policy 711. What is allowed in the school cafeteria, at school functions and for fundraisers was outlined. We will strive to continue our positive learning environment practices keeping in mind foods with higher nutritional values.
 - **Higher Nutritional Value** refers to foods and beverages that contain nutrients and lower amounts of saturated fats, sugar or salt. These foods and beverages are permitted in schools.
 - **Lower Nutritional Value** refers to food and beverages that contain few nutrients and are higher in saturated fats, sugar or salt. These foods are not permitted.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting TBA