



PSSC Meeting Minutes

Monday, Feb 26th, 2024

Attending: Rebecca Rudderham (Principal), Tyler Yost (VP), Holly Hannan, Krista Kernigan, Rowan Borthwick, Shawn Draper, Donna S, Sadie Gagner, Shane Borthwick

Regrets: Lindsay T, Darlene T, Tammy L,

Formatted: French (France)

- 1.) Welcome & Introductions - Rebecca
- 2.) Appointment of Secretary (on rotation) – Shane Borthwick appointed secretary for this meeting
- 3.) Approval of December Minutes – Sadie and Krista approved, unanimous approval as presented
- 4.) Anti-Vape Campaign update – Tyler Y: child/youth supports starting after March break and only students receiving child/youth services already will receive this to support treatment of addiction. Carrie Parson's of STOMP (students to prevent tobacco) has outdoor learning options. EECD funding 2 schools, FMHS may be one. Sensors can be installed in washrooms – investigating this (note: other schools are doing this)
- 5.) Principal's Report
 - Update on the NBCC trades program – most Monday's and Friday's for students in various trades. This program will go from now until the end of May. 7, 24
 - FMHS has 3 new exchange students
 - 13 new students since January with a total of approx. 610 students at FMHS currently
 - Jan 17th meeting held for a Co-Design Process (focus group mental health/wellness) – Adults brainstorming ways to develop plan to address focus group – target implementation in September but may have some launched in May/June this year. Other partners – RCMP, HUB etc as community based.
 - Jan – had assessment week. Looking at more course flexibility in grade 9.
 - Grade 8/9 real focus – academic results low (Math/English especially)
 - Feb – health and safety – all first aid kits and epi-pens replenished, minimum fee – checked AED. Coming quarterly to do checklist.
 - Feb 22 – mental health forum – St. Stephen
 - Food security update – increase breakfast use, baskets available, 12 students back-pack program, funding meal ticket, local church support – Hub kitchen, warm meals, kindness club. CDN breakfast program funding – culinary program going to do more nutrient rich foods
 - SIP (school improvement plan) – SPR's met and tomorrow working on this implementation
 - Attendance – staffing discussed, improved results but still an issue
 - Sponsorship – gym 6x3' canvas on wall cost \$112 and could sell for \$600/yr or \$1,000/2 yrs to corp sponsors
 - Canada Post Grant – Holly indicated this needs to be applied for before March 1st. (lobby furniture/games room was discussed)
 - Grad Class Update – 2024 parents committee, Angela Vance funding has gone well. One parent from last year is providing support. Angela will develop 'playbook' for future grad years. Bacalariate – Cathy Neves (Monday of Grad week). Grad week is June 17th.

- Prom and Safegrad – parents/teachers will engage grade 11's for support in organizing

8.) Student Rep. Report – Rowan Borthwick: since Dec meeting the school has had Reindeer tag, Christmas formal, V-Day dance, match maker forum, spirit assembly and celebrate winter sports including banner raising.

9.) DEC communication/update – Shane provided an update from the DEC. SJ school has implemented a phone policy for use in school. Initial results have increased teaching time by 5-7 mins/day at least and improved engagement. At FMHS the teacher sets the tone and there is no school wide policy.

(Post-meeting Note) Long-term Recommendations for Stakeholders – Dept. of Education's steering committee is seeking feedback by Wed March 13th, 2024. This report was prepared by Shane and circulated to our PSSC for feedback and confirmation before submitting by the deadline. We can briefly review at our next PSSC

10.) Other Items:

No other items noted.

Next meeting: Monday April 29th, 6:30pm at the FMHS Student Commons

Meeting adjourned – Shawn, Donna

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