

PSSC Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2013

Attendance: Richard Lloyd, Anna-Marie McLaughlin, Will Cruickshank, Julie Russell, Jane Carey, and Sherman Ross

Matters Arising From Last Minutes:

Old Business – Richard asked Will if grades 11 and 12 received **Beyond the Hurt** presentations. A follow-up will be done since Will answered, “No”.

Approval of the Minutes: Will accepted minutes, and Julie seconded minutes.

Old Business:

1. Student council participated in a video conference meeting with St. Stephen Education Center to voice what’s going well with our school, and what could be improved. Once presentations were done by other schools, our student council didn’t know to elaborate as much as other schools did. Mr. Lloyd will follow-up with Ms. Ward on creating a power point, and posting on the portal for our successes at GMCS. Schools mainly reiterated the same thing with the exception of bigger schools. One of the problems mentioned were trying to get a full course load with limited options.

New Business:

1. Mr. Lloyd is pleased with the grade 7 Literacy Assessment results. He’ll take class details for our next meeting.
2. Sherman spoke on behalf of DEC.
 - a. PALS (Partners Assisting Local Schools) were discussed at his last meeting, which is a partnership between businesses and schools. Mr. Lloyd will find the coordinator for ASD-S. Mr. Lloyd asked if it would be possible to get community partnerships on Grand Manan. The response was that it’s limited on the island.
 - b. DEC talked about school transition from 5-6 and 8-9.
 - c. St. George wants to separate middle and high schools (7million dollars), which isn’t going to happen at the present time. Vincent Massey’s gym is in rough shape, and they are requesting a new gym.
3. Richard discussed PREPaRE, which is a one day workshop to explain various procedures used by the United States in a crisis situation. Here we have lockdown, evacuation, and a crisis response plan. We have all the components they have. There are lots of checklists, and other materials, which we’ll be looking at for next fall.
4. Budget - we can’t spend until the 22nd of April.
5. There’s been a lot of material on Inclusion based from the Aucoin Porter Report. Recently, Resource teachers and Administration had two meetings at District. The essential component is to include all students in the classroom. The report stresses to not pull students out of the classroom. There are lots of changes coming from the Department of Education. Minister Carr

is the driving engine. They are looking at a changing role for Resource teacher in schools, a Co-Teaching role.

6. Staffing – teachers applied for transfers in February. Mr. Lloyd is aware of five transfers from here. He hasn't received FTE numbers yet.
7. Security measures – you have to buzz in/out. There's a camera and buzzer located at the main door. We're one of the last schools in District 10 to have all doors locked. There's an intercom to show identification if needed.

The next meeting is **May 15, 2013, at 7:00 pm**

Jane adjourned the meeting.