



Central New Brunswick Academy

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Parent School Support Committee

Minutes

Date: May 4, 2022, Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Music Room

<p>PSSC Members Present: Olga Ross, Chair</p> <p>Others: Melanie Hogan Nora Munn Stacey Somerville</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets : Cassie O'Donnell-Norrard Wendy Ross</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Chris Harquail, DEC, Virtually Barbara A. Long, Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Andrea Carson</p>
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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Olga Ross, Chairperson, at 6:41 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Olga Ross requested the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Nora Munn.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Melanie Hogan approved the circulated minutes; Nora Munn seconded the motion.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Add details to previous minutes – amendment to clarification of “staffing” – arising from conversation with PSSC members during April 6th meeting. Staffing was mentioned as a concern, but clarification of concern will be included in amendment to minutes.
- Vaping issue is being monitored and dealt with accordingly.

DEC Member's Report:

District Education Council Representative, Chris Harquail, joined us through TEAMS. He provided an update to the new Governance Reform model. Many unanswered questions for a fall/semester 2 implementation

- Very good meeting with Deputy Minister Daley and Assistant Dep Minister Caldwell; the DEC felt heard.

Many things being considered and refined as the process moves along.

New Business:

- Updated guidelines for PSSC Expenses / Budget circulated by Mrs. Long.

June 8th is Student Appreciation Day, but concern of whether to distribute in June or September. Barb suggested giving grads in their gift bags for graduation night, and everyone else to receive them in September. Grade 6 to get their journals from last year At an opportune time in the coming weeks. Will order journals for the new grade 6 students coming in September.

Principal's Report:

- Essential Skills – AGT (Academy's Got Talent) rolled out by a group of students. Concern about consent form design by Google with template – some parents had problems with that it didn't have the school logo on it, and that it said it wasn't responsible for "hurt or embarrassed feelings". Concerns from PSSC parents were considered and responded to by Mrs. Long.
- Prom / Graduation – dates emailed out to Parents. Prom – June 10, Grad – June 23rd, Baccalaureate - June 19th. Restrictions have been lifted, but still need to approach with caution and be mindful of Covid still being present. Functions will be as close to as former years as possible. Haven't decided if they want to have a dance yet. Hoping to have nothing change with regards to Public Health.
- Grads to sell tickets on gift card basket
- Hoping to have Safe Grad as well, but still looking at safeguards and logistics (ie: vaccination status)
- Mrs. Long asking us to keep ears open on vandalism / messes to the school washrooms (mostly male washroom)
- ESS team has discussed bringing outside presentations on effects of vaping, hoping to curtail behaviours
- Smoking area needs to be discussed at end of month (May) meeting about continuing this area in the fall.

- Hat discussion – some resistance to this; defiance of school rules exhibited. Opportunity was provided to students to write a letter to PSSC requesting that school staff consider allowing hats; no letter was received.
- PISA testing took place today – students who were turning 15 this fall – international testing
- Awards banquet is being looked at; however, it is recognized that sports have struggled this year.

Correspondence:

Working Together document and Governance Model Survey sent to PSSC was sent out and parents noted that it had been received and completed.

Closing Comments:

None

Date of Next Meeting:

The next PSSC Meeting is May 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room

Adjournment:

Motion of adjournment was made by Olga Ross at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Melanie Hogan

Respectfully submitted by the secretary, Andrea Carson