

Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 2018 – 5:00 p.m., C-22

Present:

Robyn Allaby – Acting Principal
Rhonda Baker Gordon - Chair
Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative
Stephanie Haslam - DEC Representative
Patricia Kennedy – Student Representative
Joey Bernard
Karen Flinn

Kim Kelly
Mark Taylor

Regrets:

Coleen Gorman-Asal – Vice-Chair
Pam Kitchen
Neville Peasley
Wendy Wright-Gardner

1. Welcome (R. Baker Gordon)

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approvals

Since there was not quorum at the start of the meeting, the agenda was not officially approved. The minutes of January 29th, 2018 were previously approved by email.

3. SPR Growth Goal Presentations

Natalie Ramirez, SPR Business and Family Studies

Professional Growth Goals:

1. Technology component

- Digital bulletin board in F wing

This will be used to showcase what the group does (e.g. Co-op).

Not yet implemented due to the impact of construction and being out of F wing.

Waiting for construction to finish and hoping to do after March Break.

- Spiro robot ball for Computer Science

This is a new way of teaching programming.

The associated teacher was out first semester so implementation has been delayed.

2. Streamlining assessment practices within department

- Using similar percentages for exams, projects, test and assignments across courses.

Suzanne Maxwell, SPR Guidance

Professional Growth Goals:

1. Focus on values, student diversity and sense of belonging in school for International and First Nations

students (approximately 20% of student population).

These students and the PAC were taken to the movie Wonder.

2. Promoting positive mental health and overall student wellness.

The PAC is running weekly Wednesday Wellness activities.

There will be a parent information session during Canadian Mental Health Week (May 7-13) as well as materials for classroom teachers.

A pink shirt breakfast is being held at 7am on Wednesday, February 28th in the cafeteria.

The ISD (Integrated Service Delivery) team is shared with GSMS and BCMS. It officially consists of 10 individuals but there have been several changes in membership since the fall and there are really only 6 members on the team right now. Two psychologists left for private practice. The Clinical Coordinator who left before the end of December (and was on leave before

that since October) is not being replaced until the end of March. Guidance is still the lead on high-risk youth that were supposed to be taken over by the ISD team. The roles of the ISD team members are unclear and it has not been a smooth roll-out. The waiting list has been increasing rather than decreasing. The team does not have any admin. support and due to staff being with Horizon Health as opposed to the Department of Education, they do not have computer access.

Darren Hanscomb, SPR Applied Technology

Professional Growth Goals:

1. Increase cross-curricular learning

Culinary Arts classes are collaborating with Kats Kitchen. EAL students are making muffins for Kats Kitchen. Culinary Arts and Leadership classes are partnering on Terry Fox fundraising dinner.

2. Working on learning about and implementing formative assessment strategies.

Working on increasing Skills Canada participation. Had 1 or 2 students then up to 7 or 8 with 2 going to Nationals. Hosted Provincials last year at which we had 17 participants, 11 of whom medaled and 5 of whom went to Nationals. 1 or 2 seats are reserved in various areas. Haven't done robotics for 11-12 years but with the hiring of Jared Davis at FHS, hoping to get back in it. Looking at course offerings to see what's outdated, what needs improving and what needs to be offered.

Construction challenges have left teachers needing to get their rooms back together.

Carolyn Barnhart, SPR Science

Professional Growth Goals:

1. All grade 9 and 10 teachers will collectively design, prepare and teach a unit of study using the scientific literacy model. Getting help from Gaia Project, Ducks Unlimited and Brilliant Labs. Next year grade 9 and 10 science courses will have two units of study, not four.
2. All science teachers will have PL in the Innovation Lab. Kayoe Stewart has done this with 80% of the teachers so far.
3. All Chemistry 112/111 students will complete the "Escape Room" exercise as a formative review of curriculum.

4. Reports

Student Report (P. Kennedy)

Students were asked for feedback about Professional Learning Days at homeroom representative meeting. Consensus was that full day PL days were preferred as shorter days don't allow for productive classes.

A successful Spirit Week was held February 12th to 16th. It included popular dress-up days such as Twin Day and School Spirit Day. Daily activities included a tug-of-war and three activities hosted by Brilliant Labs. Another Spirit Week will hopefully be held before the end of the year.

Mr. Mardi Gras choreographers have been chosen and practices are starting this week for the event which takes place the beginning of May.

A Hawaiian-themed event including a dance, games and other themed activities is being planned for March 22nd.

The SRC is running TP the Town this year. It is planned for mid-April.

District Education Council Report (S. Haslam)

There were no time-sensitive issues so no DEC Report was given due to the short time-frame of the meeting.

Teacher’s Report (A. Rutledge)

There were no time-sensitive issues so no Teacher's Report was given due to the short time-frame of the meeting.

Principal’s Report (R. Allaby for S. Thomas)

The funds in the PSSC budget were \$5,614.99. There was an update to the amounts for expenditures that were previously approved.

	Estimated Amount	Updated Amount
Teacher Appreciation: coffee	\$250	\$250
FHS Course selection guide	\$2200	\$2200
Camera 1	\$1100	\$1105.06
Camera 2	\$1100	\$1213.06 (includes a battery)
Signage Training Session	\$237	\$237
(supply expense for Mr. Carson)	-----	-----
Total	\$4887	\$5005.12

This leaves a remaining balance of \$609.87 which will go to paper.

Other items that were not supported:

- Translation materials: guidance could not determine exact needs at this time
- FHS Signage: not permitted from this budget
- Magnets: still have plenty for next year

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

PSSC Budget update

This was covered in the Principal's Report.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Questions/Comments

There were no questions or comments.

8. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Next meeting will take place March 26, 2018 at 5:30 PM in room C-22.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm to allow members to attend the Course Selection presentation.

Minutes prepared by: K. Flinn