

# Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

## MINUTES

Monday, March 26, 2018 – 5:30 p.m., C-22

### **Present:**

Beth Wright – Acting Principal

Rhonda Baker Gordon - Chair

Coleen Gorman-Asal – Vice-Chair

Stephanie Haslam - DEC Representative

Patricia Kennedy – Student Representative

Vashika Khaitan– Student Representative

Joey Bernard

Karen Flinn

Kim Kelly

Pam Kitchen

Wendy Wright-Gardner

### **Regrets:**

Neville Peasley

Mark Taylor

Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative

### **1. Welcome (R. Baker Gordon)**

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Approvals**

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting were circulated for approved by email. Rhonda expects a reply by Wednesday.

### **3. Reports**

#### **Student Report (Vashika and Patricia )**

1. Half day PD days feedback: The SRC surveyed their homerooms. For the most part, the students agreed that half days did not allow for a productive class and students preferred fewer full PD days to the current state.
2. The SRC held a Spirit Week from February 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. The week included popular dress-up days like Twin Day and School Spirit Day. There were also daily activities such as tug-of-war. Brilliant Labs hosted three events which grew in popularity each day. The final project was the creation of LED pins which glowed. Overall the week was a great success and the SRC hopes to host another Spirit Week before the end of the year.
3. Mr. Mardi Gras rehearsals are underway. The performance will be held at the beginning of May.
4. The dance and games event planned for March 22 was rescheduled, due to poor weather, to April 19, 2018.
5. The SRC will run “TP the Town” this year. As of now the major drop off date for the event is April 21, 2018. Feeder schools that also participate include George Street and Bliss Carman. Reminder from Rhonda that Kewsick Ridge is also a feeder school who might participate. The recipients of the fundraising will be: the Fredericton Men’s Shelter, Chrysalis House (Youth in Transition), and Gignoo Transition House.
6. The SRC will be hosting a Horizon Leadership Conference on April 5, 2018. Participants include students from FHS and other schools in Anglophone School District West. During this conference students from various clubs at the school will provide presentations.
7. The SRC will host a film festival featuring movies produced by FHS students. This will occur at lunch hour in the TMT.

## **District Education Council Report (S. Haslam)**

DEC meeting was postponed for March.

The DEC is pleased to announce a new council member: Allan Sabattis-Atwin.

The DEC passed a Sexual Identities and Gender Orientation Policy on February 22, 2018, also known as the Diversity Policy which was reviewed at the meeting. It is available on ASDW portal at the DEC site. <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/DEC/Policies/Governance%20Policies%20-%20Ends%20Results/ASD-W-ER4-Sexual%20Identities%20and%20Gender%20Orientation%20-%20February%202018.pdf>

A DEC forum will happen this year; our chair's name was not selected to attend. Member Karen Flinn, Chair of Bliss Carman Middle School PSSC, was selected and has agreed to represent our school as well as BCMS at this event.

## **Principal's Report (B.Wright for S. Thomas)**

Professional Learning Day March 27, 2018, will focus on building leadership actions at the department level in order to provide a climate which increases motivation, builds team spirit and above all fosters enthusiasm and enjoyment for the job of teaching within each of the Departments; Request will be made for initiatives staff would like to see for continued progression at FHS; What initiatives could be implemented to further support the safety and well-being for our students and staff?

Another exercise will be to use the ideas for professional growth goals which require "significant effort" and match them with either of the two following New Priorities for 2018-2019:

**Priority 4** Ensure all learners develop the knowledge skills and behaviors needed to continually adapt to and thrive in, their environment.

**Priority 5** Improve learning in, and application of, the arts, science, trades and technology for all learners.

## **School Improvement Plan**

We will discuss at next meeting. Committee is being assembled by Shane.

## **4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Half day PD days- The Minister has decided that a survey which will evaluate the current model will be sent to the schools via the principals. Principals will administer this survey and may solicit input from the PSSC.

There are no half day PD days for high school students for the remainder of the year. The PD days have been moved to Thursdays at the high school. Middle school PD days will occur on Tuesdays. The change is due to constraints caused by bussing.

PD dates have been changed for FHS as follows: from April 24 to April 26, and from May 29 to May 31, 2018.

The PSSC will request the FHS attendance on half day PD days from the principal in order to determine if there is a decline in attendance.

## **5. New Business**

Promoting Safer Schools Together.

Anglophone West School District has launched an online anonymous reporting tool, **PSST** (Promoting Safer Schools Together) there is a link on the ASDW site. The new tool allows tipsters to report any issue concerning safety at their school (potentially anonymously). The link may be found on the school website.

Through PSST, any type of safety concern can be reported including bullying, cyberbullying, sexual harassment, assault or abuse, drugs, self-harming, suicidal thoughts, weapons, vandalism, threats of school attack or any other threat-related issues.

Using the online reporting system, safety tips are sent via email to school district safety staff. These tips are made anonymously and are followed up on in a confidential manner. School staff is consulted and appropriate interventions are implemented to resolve the situation in cooperation with parents and school district safety staff. Depending on the nature of the information, police may be notified. Tips are monitored during school hours, but emergencies can still be reported by calling 911.

There are four district employees monitoring this site 24/7. Validity of tip will be determined by the school responding to the notice. The school administration will handle the threat. The program went live in the Fall 2017. The announcement came out February 5, 2018 when the District went live with this.

Stephanie will pass along questions to the DEC regarding who monitors, where is information held, what is the policy, and who decided on this program?

The committee does not feel communication to parents about this has been sufficient, and believes parents should be informed. The committee is also wondering how information on this program is getting to the students.

#### Healthy Schools Community Committee (HSCC) Wendy Wright-Gardner Wellness Event

There was a Wellness event on the last PD half day which included a wellness fair with different providers of wellness activities and businesses in attendance. The feedback from students was that they would appreciate a longer day of wellness. The event was generally well-received and supported by staff and students.

#### Diversity showcase, May 10, 2018, 6-7:30 PM

This is our story - FHS celebrates Diversity and Adversity

The outline has not yet been developed. At the last HSCC meeting the committee was looking for feedback.

There will be speakers/topics, entertainment, displays, student volunteers.

Karen asked for a schedule of events to be produced in advance of event so attendees can determine what they would like to see. Wendy will send information to the group as soon as it is decided.

#### **6. Questions/Comments**

There were no questions or comments.

#### **7. Closing Comments and Adjournment**

Next meeting will take place April 23, 2018 at 5:30 PM in room C-22.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

*Minutes prepared by: C.Gorman-Asal*