

Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

MINUTES

Monday, May 28, 2018 – 5:30 p.m., C-22

Present:

Shane Thomas - Principal
Rhonda Baker Gordon - Chair
Coleen Gorman-Asal - Vice-Chair
Stephanie Haslam - DEC Representative
Patricia Kennedy - Student Representative
Vashika Khaitan - Student Representative
Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative
Joey Bernard
Karen Flinn

Kim Kelly
Pam Kitchen
Neville Peasley
Mark Taylor

Regrets:

Wendy Wright-Gardner

1. Welcome (R. Baker Gordon)

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approvals

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of April 23rd, 2018 meeting were circulated and approved by email.

3. Reports

Student Report (Patricia)

- TP the Town Campaign has finished and the goal of 25,000 rolls of toilet paper was surpassed! All the organizations that received proceeds were very thankful for the donations.
- Mr. Mardi Gras took place on May 3. It was a very successful event and very well attended. It is hoped that the tradition can be continued next year.
- The final dance of the year took place on May 24th. The theme was “blacklight” and it was a very successful event for the students and Mr. Thomas as well who won the mini-putt competition.
- SRC elections were held and the successful presidential candidate is Vardaan Maholtra! Amanda Zhang will be Vice President. The other SRC executives have been selected.
- Over the next two weeks, members of the SRC will be visiting some of the feeder middle schools to talk to the grade 8s about attending FHS and providing them with information for their first day of high school in September 2018.

District Education Council Report (S. Haslam)

The DEC Symposium was cancelled and rescheduled for the first weekend in November 2018.

There is a new first nations representative David Perley; he is the Director of the Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre at UNB.

Hanwell is the number one priority for capital projects. Leo Hayes High School is second.

A sustainability study will be completed on McAdam Ave, Nashwaaksis Memorial, Liverpool, and Forest Hill School.

Teacher's Report (A. Rutledge)

New father, Mr. Rutledge, and his wife welcomed twins, Jack and Emma on May 17. Congratulations from the committee!

Many teachers are interested in the PSST website. They are wondering about logistics and the anonymous nature of it. Many are worried it might be abused due to the anonymity aspect. There are several questions: What is the direction? What is the validity? How is it going to work? What are the

policies and procedures? What happens to information that goes into the system after it is investigated? There is no closure to PSSST after it has been reported to school.

There are Union concerns regarding people labelled with policy 701.

The PSSC will collect questions and provide to Shane who will forward to the District.

Shane will ask District if they can send someone to the June 11 meeting to provide information.

Members can provide their questions to Rhonda who will forward to Shane. Deadline for submitting questions to Rhonda is Friday, June 1.

Principal's Report (S. Thomas)

Professional learning half day is Thursday, May 31 – Shane sent a notice today by voicemail.

Writers showcase for Grade 11 will be on Wednesday

Grade 8 meeting – A parent Meeting will occur on May 29 at 6:00 pm in the T.M.T.

OECD will come for a tour - World delegates will arrive on June 1.

Maker Space – Middle school students are coming to look at Maker Lab tomorrow from George Street and Bliss Carman Middle Schools.

Sir Isaac Newton Physics Competition (Waterloo)

7 FHS in top 200 of the world (1950 participants)

Top 4 will receive book prizes.

3 Tie for 67th – Tony Wei, Leon Kim, Daren Liang

116th - Jack Nason

157th – Ryan Whitney, Noah Cameron-Howe

189th - Jae Hwang

309th – Tommy Gweon

Top three Physics students in the NB CAP this year are all from FHS.

1. Jiawei Chen
2. Daren Liang
3. Ishwar Desai

FHS Safe Grad and Fredericton City Police

Safe Grad will take place at Magaguadavic Lake. Shane is arranging for police presence, including a boat on the lake for swimmer safety. Shane had discussions with Fredericton City Police this week.

Staffing

Student population numbers are down a little bit. Still working on forced transfers. Situation is still in flux. Staff retirements this year: Don Bossé, Janice Gange, Susan MacLeod, Mary Clark (librarian)

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Half day learning days

See above Teacher's Report.

Attendance Communication: Teachers receive a lot of emails from parents. Power school will go live next year and parents can check on their students on their own. It will start with Grade 9s.

Diversity Showcase not great attendance. Good presentations but low attendance. Publicity will be better next year.

School Improvement Plan SPRs will submit their School Growth Goals by Thursday. Reports by SPRs could be reviewed by PSSC members prior to SPR visits next year.

5. New Business

Follow-up from Vice Presidents

Thank you for Patricia and Vashika for their work this year. Very prepared and professional and 100% for attendance.

The following member's terms are finished this year: Karen Flinn, Neville Peasley, Rhonda Baker Gordon, and Coleen Gorman-Asal.

Mark Taylor is not returning.

PSSC will have 5 vacancies next year.

6. Questions/Comments

There were no questions or comments.

7. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Next meeting will take place June 11, 2018 at 5:30 PM. Rhonda will confirm if in staff room.

Will possibly have a tour of the Maker Space.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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