

Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

MINUTES

Monday, September 25, 2017 – 5:30 p.m., C-22

Present:

Shane Thomas - Principal
Rhonda Baker Gordon - Chair
Coleen Gorman-Asal - Vice Chair
Karen Flinn
Pam Kitchen
Kim Kelly

Neville Peasley
Peter Batt - Teacher Representative
Stephanie Haslam - DEC Representative
Patricia Kennedy - Student Representative

Regrets:

Joey Bernard, Wendy Wright-Gardner

1. Welcome and Call to Order (S. Thomas)

Shane welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year, and confirmed the Open House election results; 3 new PSSC members elected: Kim Kelly, Joey Bernard, Wendy Wright-Gardner

2. Agenda & Minutes

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Neville and seconded Coleen. Approved.
No minutes, as this is first meeting.

3. Elections

Elections were held for two Community Members. Pam Kitchen and Mark Taylor were successfully elected.

Election for Chair and Vice Chair were held without contest. Rhonda Baker-Gordon was selected as Chair and Coleen Gorman-Asal selected as Vice Chair.

4. Governance

The Operation Protocol for the school will be sent to all members from Shane Thomas.

We reviewed basic principles of PSSC function:

- No “personal” issues should be brought to meetings.
- Media contacts – please advise the principal who will provide District Communications Officer’s contact information.
- Quorum of > 50% needed to pass motions.

Reviewed meeting schedule. It was agreed to continue to meet at 5:30 PM. We will continue to meet on Mondays unless a conflict with members should arise.

All members present signed their Declarations.

5. Reports

Student Report (P. Kennedy)

The very successful Welcome to the Jungle event was held on September 21, 2017. The event included a giant slide, carnival, fireworks and a dance.

Battle of the Bands will take place on October 12, 2017

A Halloween event is scheduled for October 26, 2017.

District Education Council Report (S. Haslam)

PSSC Orientation will take place on October 4, 2017 at Bliss Carman Middle School. If you are new to PSSC it is a very useful event. Please register with the district.

The DEC chair, Kimberly Douglass, advised that if we are having a public event and wish to pass it along to a bigger audience, the DEC will announce it at their meeting upon advisement from PSSC.

Principal's Report (S. Thomas)

Construction slated to be complete by August 2018. Shane explained the delay in school start due to poor air quality (Air Handler malfunction). Construction has begun on the F Wing. Computer lab space will be restricted until construction is complete.

The cafeteria is still under construction. Expected to return to service by the end of September.

Shane and Mrs. Barnhart represented the school at a World Maker Faire in New York City for 2 days.

Day 1: Best Practices throughout North America.

Day 2: Students across North America presented their tech projects. There were many tech projects that could be accomplished at FHS, including exciting ideas for the Maker Space. Shane will prepare a PowerPoint presentation on the Conference.

Safe School Week – FHS will conduct this during the week of October 2. On Monday, Evacuation Drill to École Sainte-Anne, with a rain date of October 4. The Practice Drill, Fire Drill, Lock Down and Bus Evacuation Drill will take place this week.

Professional Learning Day will be a half day on Tuesday. Students will experience 3 periods in one day. There may be complications with the bussing schedule, as elementary and middle school students will be bussed home earlier in the day.

Chair's Report (R. Baker Gordon)

New chair/committee, hence report will be forthcoming next meeting.

Teacher's Report (P. Batt)

Report will be forthcoming next meeting.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes (S. Thomas)

None

7. New Business

None

8. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Next meeting will take place October 30, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by: C. Gorman-Asal