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| **Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee****MINUTES****Monday, January 24, 2022** |
| **Present:**Stephanie Underhill Tomilson, Principal Joey Bernard, ChairPaul McIntosh - Councilor, District 6 DEC Rep.Jennifer BrienCharlotte BurhoeTracy Burkhardt**Regrets:**Ola AbuzzayedChrisina AldersDrashtant VarmaAndrea Addison | Karen FlinnKaren TamlynAndrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative Hilary Boorman - Student RepresentativeAli Bent-Richard - Student RepresentativeGinger NicholsonTrisha Fournier-HoytPam ShanksGillian ShealyHayden Sparkes – Student DEC Representative |
| 1. **Welcome**

Joey Bernard chaired the meeting. 1. **Approval of agenda**

Review of the speaker was added. Motion to approve agenda made by T. Burkhardt, seconded by K. Flinn 1. **Approval of minutes from January 24, 2021**

K Flinn motioned to approve the past minutes, seconded by J. Brien. 1. **Reports**

**Student representative update** – A. Bent-Richard gave an update on SRC activities. * The annual “I got a Crush on You” Valentine's Day event that was very successful. We sold close to 300 cans of Crush.
* A spirit day was held on February 18th for the Varsity Boys Hockey game and Students vs Staff Basketball game.
* Tuesday February 22nd which was the 2nd month of the year in 2022, we had a Twin Day to represent the unique and rare occasion. They had strong participation.
* A spirit day was held the Friday before March break (Vacation Destination)
* For Black History month student council collaborated with the Black Kat Ambassadors to create posts on social media to acknowledge important people within Black History. They included quotes and photos to inspire and educate.
* The Department of the Month for February was librarians, custodians, and cafeteria. They did a Tims order.
* Women’s History Month panel (Bailey Andrews, Arielle DeMerchant, the Leftenant Governor Brenda Murphy, Ann Timmermans). The presentation took place during 2nd period. There was the option for classrooms to attend, and for students to separately attend with the acceptance of a permission slip. The presentation focused on women sharing their personal experiences within their fields of work, to help educate and inspire. Near the end there was a Q&A for students and staff to ask questions.
* They have been doing weekly Kahoots for Women’s History Month during our morning Teams meetings.
* Department of the Month is Math. On Pie Day, March 14th we gave staff and the Math Department pie and Tim Hortons coffee.
* We just finished filming for Munch madness. Our sponsor was PJ Wings.
* Ms. Barhart and Mr. Mcdonald will be attending the Global Student Leadership Conference to improve the climate and culture at FHS. On behalf of these advisors, they were wondering if anyone from admin would like to participate in the conference. The dates April 5th and 6th @8am to 12pm. We can forward a link to anyone admin interested.
* They are currently having rehearsals for Mardi Gras.
* Updates on the new pride flag? It’s been ordered.

**DEC update** – Paul McIntosh provided the following update from recent public and private DEC meetings.* Initiative from government to look at dissolving PSSCs and DECs altogether.
* There is a green paper out which talks about a revised governance model.
* J. Bernard to attend an engagement session on April 15th,
* There could be a potential for a regional board/council where 6 parents are elected to represent a potential of 12 schools.
* DEC is investigating the rationale for why this is being looked at – rationale for the change.
* New school is being named “Hanwell Park Academy”.

**Teacher representative update** – A. Rutledge* Parent volunteers will be needed for Safe Grad (430 grads) – same night as prom. A note will be drafted to include in Friday communications. If enough parents get involved, they can do shifts.

1. **Principal update -** S. Underhill Tomilson provided update on the following:
* **Black Kat Welcome Process –** S. Underhill Tomilson reviewed this process. 2,019 students are currently enrolled for September and at least 200 more are anticipated.
* **Women’s History Month Panel** – this was an amazing event. QR codes were used to type in questions and the students had some great questions for the panel.
* **Diversity Equity Inclusion Group –** A number of ongoing initiatives are happening for this:
	+ Admin Monday announcements.
	+ Woolastook Wednesdays – play the honour song.
	+ Themed days.
	+ Pride shirts with indigenous art on the black kat.
	+ Ukraine – looking at support for Ukrainian and Russian students and staff.
* **Advanced Placement Capstone School** – FHS is applying for this designation. Will be similar to the IB program. Students who participate will receive an AP certificate and diploma. Teachers will receive training and there will be course requirements. Application has been completed and they are currently looking at training for teachers.
* **Mental Health** – the curling club has donated $30,000 to revamp the in-school support centre. Connection to family enrichment services will be offered as well as a 1-800 number that kids can call into to have a one on one session.
* **Nurses Stations –** nurses’ station is being revamped to be more private. There are currently 4 nurses’ stations.
* **East Coast Music Awards –** the ECMAs are coming to Fredericton (May 2nd and 3rd). Plan to get kids involved in the set-up at the Aitken Centre to welcome people and with the box office. Kids will have access to some of the sessions.
* **Kats Kitchen –** Grant request for $5,000 and they also received a grant for $4,200. Usage has gone up. There will be a chli night in New Maryland on April 23 put on by Bliss Carmen and FHS.
* **Grade 8 Days –** May 25th in the morning for students and May 30th for parents in the evening at 6:30.
* **SIP Pilot –** Waiting to hear on a day for the Student Improvement Plan day.
* **Welcome to FHS document –** has been finalized and sent off to the administrator to print off. Someone will need to take this on next year.
* **No stopping/parking signs –** came in and they are great! They are on wheels so easy to move around.
1. **Social Media Talk:**
* Issues as there was a time crunch.
* Technology was not set up properly for interaction.
* More geared for younger age group.
* Q&A would have been beneficial.
* 19 people tuned in.
1. New chair will be needed for next year as Joey will not be continuing.
2. **PSSC meeting dates for the coming year:**

Meeting Dates are as follows: April 25May 301. **Adjournment and Next meeting**

Next PSSC meeting is planned for April 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm. J. Bernard motioned to adjourn the meeting.  |
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*Minutes prepared by Jennifer Brien*