**Ridgeview Middle School**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Date: February 1, 2022 Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Location: Virtual (via Teams)**

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Tammy Hudlin, Chair  Melanie Hartt, Secretary  Brandi Cameron  Veronique Fournier  Yan-Philip Cote-Baribeau  **PSSC Members Regrets:**  Erynn Dreaddy-Bailey  Vernica Dulic  Wanda Rosene  Joanna Desormeaux, Vice-Chair | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Amanda Piron, Principal  Angela Thomson, Teacher Rep  **School/DEC Representation:**  Thomas Geburt |

**Call to Order:** Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting** (January 11, 2022): Veronique approved, and Melanie seconded.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** None

**Approval of the Agenda: Provincial Assessment to be added to agenda**

Brandy approved Veronique seconded.

**Agenda:**

Principal’s Report:

* Review Winter Plan – Level 2.

Links for reference:

* + [Coronavirus (COVID-19) (gnb.ca)](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19.html)
  + [Education and Early Childhood Development COVID-19](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/education-and-early-childhood-development-covid-19.html)
  + [Self-isolation](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/self_isolation.html#1.2)
* Update on Clubs/Sports/Morning Options at RMS (sent to families via School Messenger on Jan. 28, 2022).
* Plan to support the school system during a possible Covid Crisis to ensure in person learning can continue:
* Redeployment of teachers from District (5-week commitment) and Department (2-week commitment with the possibility of extension) to support the system
* Additional support for RMS – 2 EAs/2 teachers from District (Ann Manderson – FSL Coordinator and Christie Soucey – Literacy Lead)
* Emergency lesson plans required from teachers (3-5 days)
* PSSC budget spending approval – $948
* Provincial Assessment Schedule
* Updates

**Meeting Notes:**

**Review Winter Plan – Level 2: Changes to highlight in Level 2 of the Healthy and Safe Schools – School Winter Plan K-8:**

* All school families and staff should bookmark the three links (these documents are readily revised – please do not rely on a hard copy, always refer to the most recent documents by using the links below:
  1. [Coronavirus (COVID-19) (gnb.ca)](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19.html)
  2. [Education and Early Childhood Development COVID-19](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/education-and-early-childhood-development-covid-19.html)
  3. [Self-isolation](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/self_isolation.html#1.2)
* Highlights from the Revised Healthy and Safe Schools – School Winter Plan K-8 (Revised Jan. 28):
  1. New masking guidelines – Students and staff must be masked at all times inside and outside and during PE. They can take off their masks when seated to eat or drink. They can also take a mask break if they are outside with only their classroom bubble. Students have done exceptionally well so far this week with this new adjustment. There have been a lot of friendly reminders, but students have responded well to the change. It is important that all students have clean and dry masks every day. Students are urged to have extra masks with them daily. There are disposable masks at the Main Office should students or staff need one, but RMS is encouraging students to bring their own.
  2. Sports – positive update – unvaccinated students may participate in skills and drills with their teammates should they play on a sports team. Students must be fully vaccinated to play games. Masks must be worn, and social distancing must be respected.
  3. Clubs/Committees – positive update – Students under the age of 12 or those unvaccinated students may participate in school committees/clubs with up to 25 participants. Vaccinated students 12 years of age and older can participate in all school committees/clubs. Masks and physical distancing are required.
  4. Breakfast/Social Club – We typically have 50-70 attend. Due to the numbers, students must be double vaccinated to participate. Student that are not double vaccinated have access to snacks from the breakfast bins in each of the classrooms – no child will go hungry.

**Update on Clubs/Sports/Morning Options at RMS (sent via School Messenger)**

All morning options are a go – Breakfast/Social Club (HLR), Rise and Shine (Gym) and Library Club (library) – all start at 8am-8:20am.

The following Clubs will continue:

* GSA Club
* Best Buddies
* Recycling club
* Chess club

Clubs in the works:

* 80’s club
* Drawing/doodling club
* Comic club

We are hopeful that more staff will host or facilitate a club once things get settled.

Basketball is starting back this week. Stay tuned for communications from Mr. Brewer – OEC Sports Coordinator.

**Plan to support the school system during a possible Covid Crisis to ensure in person learning can continue:**

* Redeployment of teachers from District (5-week commitment) and Department (2-week commitment with the possibility of extension) to support the system
* Additional support for RMS – 2 EAs/2 teachers from District (Ann Manderson – FSL Coordinator and Christie Soucy – Literacy Lead)
* Emergency lesson plans required from teachers (3-5 days) – teachers were given time during our staff meeting today to work on their emergency lesson plans.

David met with all administrators on Thursday, Jan. 27 about preparation to return to in person learning. The two teachers and two additional EAs will report to RMS daily. If the teachers are not needed to fill a vacancy they will continue with the role and responsibility of their job. If EAs do not fill vacancies, they will be used as additional support. District and Department personnel cannot fill in ESST vacancies, they can only fill classroom positions. As a last resort, we can aske Resource, Guidance and Admin to fill in classroom vacancies. A team at District is monitoring AESOP closely. Should vacancies not be filled to a point where a school cannot operate then David will make the decision to cancel school, move to online learning, send a specific class, or grade home etc.

**PSSC Budget**

Tammy reviewed what the PSSC Budget can be spent on – p. 14 of the PSSC Handbook. The PSSC members that are eligible to vote approved the PSSC budget of $948 to be spent on communications.

**Provincial Assessments**

Provincial assessments are a go this year. All assessments will be written online. Students will have an opportunity to explore the online platform and get use to the features before writing their assessments. All exemptions and accommodations need to be submitted by Feb. 7. Our Resource Team and Teaching Teams are collaborating to complete this action. Amanda shared the Provincial Assessment Schedule – she will share with families after March Break. Each school has the autonomy to set their own assessment schedule between April 19 and May 11. Amanda will share the RMS Provincial Assessment Schedule with families early April. There is no need to stress over these assessments. Families, please make sure your child is well rested and fed and encourage them to do their best and leave the rest to the school. RMS is working with District to figure out a technology plan to support Provincial Assessments. Schools can request a paper copy of the assessments for specific learners if they feel they would do better with pencil and paper.

**Updates:**

* RMS Student Perception Survey is closed but we have not yet received the results – Amanda will share the results at our next meeting.
* We have yet to receive a new deadline for our Annual School Review – Amanda will share our School Plan/Annual Review at our next meeting.
* Cafeteria – 2022 Chartwells Price list was shared with families (sent via School Messenger on Jan. 28, 2022). The RMS cafeteria is open for full service. Prices have been increased due to the increase in food costs. Make sure your child has enough money to make their purchase. We highly suggest pre-ordering your lunch using the Nutri Slice app to ensure your child gets what they want for lunch.

Question from Tammy: When will students be able to use microwaves? The school cannot guarantee that microwaves will be sanitized between use so they are not available at this time as we cannot monitor a safe sanitization process.

* On Monday, Jan. 31, the Grade 8 FI class has joined the other Grade 8 classes and will follow their lunch schedule.
* Kim Camp is out for 5 weeks, Jennifer Wilson is replacing Kim in her absence. Jen has transitioned well to RMS.
* During online learning, some teachers noticed an increase in writing submitted from their students. Although we cannot apply for assistive technology to support all learners (due to the criteria) we are working with District to purchase more technology. In the meantime, we have reached out to District to ask for loaner devices to support student learning specifically in literacy.
* Monday’s Pizza Party was a huge success! RMS supported local by purchasing 80 pizzas from Oromocto Pizza Twice for staff and students.
* Middle School students love to play in the snow. Please remind your child to dress for the weather. We will be trying to get outside as much as possible for fresh air, physical activity, and mask breaks (single class bubbles). PE will be held outside when weather permits.
* Please follow the ASD-W Dashboard for Covid updates in schools.
* Please monitor your child every morning for COVID symptoms. If your child has a new or worsening symptom they must stay home and take a POCT test.

**Correspondence:** None

**Closing Comments:** No comments

**Date of Next Meeting:** April 5, 2022

**Adjournment:** 6:54pm