**TOBIQUE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**290 Main Street**

**Plaster Rock, NB**

**E7G 2C6**

PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Date:** March 28, 2017 **Time:** 6:30pm

TVHS – Room 102

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Johanne Levesque-Murray, Chair  Emma Giberson, Student Rep  Tammy Albert  Dawn Shannon  Sarah Briggs  Krista Kukurski  Lisa Ashworth  Cindy Eccleston  **Regrets**:  Megan Fraser, Student Rep  Julie Breau  Tanya Harrison  Lisa Ashworth  Dawn Shannon | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Trena MacDonald, Principal  Danielle Fillmore, Vice Principal |

Meeting was called to order by chairperson, Johanne Levesque-Murray

A motion was made to approve the agenda

Moved: Sarah Briggs Seconded: Krista Kukurski Motion carried

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 11th meeting.

Moved: Tammy Albert Seconded: Krista Kukurski Motion carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

* The gym curtain has been installed over the March Break and is red, one of our school colors.
* The electronic door by the office has been installed and activated.
* There has been no feedback from the RCMP since the school received the signed Memorandum of Understanding, but the room is ready for occupancy.

**Principal’s Report**

* Trena was contacted by the Gleaner newspaper to be interviewed concerning the school trip in June to the United States. The original question came from the DEC meeting when a reporter asked if any schools in Anglophone West would be going to the States on school trips. Tobique Valley was the only one, hence the media interest. Before returning the telephone call, Trena contacted the Superintendent, Mr. McTimoney who in turn directed her to Jason Humphrey, Director of Communications. They both gave her helpful information that could be shared with the newspaper. Trena was advised to say, “I am confident that all students will have all documentation to cross the border.” There are 30 students and 5 adults that will be going on the trip. It was learned that the School Boards in Ontario are no longer approving school trips to the United States because of students with different ethnic backgrounds.
* All students went to Mt. Farlagne on Wednesday, February 22nd. There were a couple of injuries to report, a fractured arm which is healing and another student had a twisted knee requiring surgery.
* We spent funds from our International Fund and Cafeteria fund. This is money that is granted through the district and shared to the schools. We purchased three smartboards, several I-pads, a mac computer, graphing calculators and three sets of Lego Mindstorms.
* High school students had a semi-formal dance on March 1st. It was well attended and no issues were reported.
* Mme. Cyr and Mrs. McMonagle combined their students and hosted a Talent Show on March 2nd. It was very well attended and lots of musical talent was showcased.
* The Wellness and PE Leadership classes travelled by bus to Mt. Carleton accompanied by Tourism NB on March 17th. They had a great trip participating in outdoor activities.
* Attendance letters have been sent to parents whose children have missed a significant amount of time (10+ days) without excuse.
* The school Heritage Fair was on March 29th. It was organized by two of our grade 9 students who were previous provincial winners. It was open to the public for viewing displays from 10am – 12noon.
* We have several volleyball teams underway: middle school boys, middle school girls, JV girls, JV boys, senior girls and senior boys. The middle school boys’ team is coached by two of our JV players assisted by two teacher-parents.
* Report cards will go out to students on March 31st. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be on April 10th, 9:00am – 12:00noon and again from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Appointments can be made by calling the school.
* Valedictorian and Salutatorian are to be decided in the next 2 weeks.
* The Grad Spring Bingo has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd.
* The grade 10 and 11 students will receive their course selection forms on April 3rd. The student choice selection is done first, then the schedule is built from their choices.
* Administration is looking at the possibility of offering Level I courses next year. Some courses would be Chemistry 111, History 111, English 121 and Biology 121. A scenario would be a student taking Chemistry 112 on line this year and next year he/she would be able to take Chemistry 111 in the classroom. A science pre-requisite would be a grade 10 science course.
* To fulfill the level 1 requirement, some students will follow the level 2 course, but will have a high level of individual work assigned to them to complete on their own.
* TVHS hosted the group Live Different on March 16th. They are always well-received by the student body.
* FTE allotment should be received early in May.
* There will be a small change to the Guidance/R&M allotment due do the ISD (Integrated Service Delivery) - a new delivery model for ASD-W that will be providing more services to students.
* Dawson Harding is the recipient of the Lager Scholarship offered by a team competing in the World Pond Hockey Championship.
* Local scholarships will be available to students in April. They will be notified of the process during a meeting with those students continuing their education at a post-secondary institution.
* Acadian Timber has donated a truck load of hardwood logs to TVHS. Interested grade 12 students under the guidance of Darren Giberson will help process this wood (split and pile) into cords. In turn, lottery tickets will be sold to the public for five weekly draws of one cord each. This money will be awarded to selected students at graduation as the TVHS/ Acadian Timber scholarship.
* The school received a $500. donation from Michaud Petroleum to help with a healthy start of the day for students. As our current Breakfast Program is already subsidized by the Food Bank, we will be using this donation to open a “Smoothie Bar” for students in the morning. With our newly purchased fridge and a top-or-the-line blender we will have all necessary equipment and ingredients to open on Thursday, March 30th from 8:00am – 8:20am. Twin Rivers may be able to help purchase fruit in the Fall to keep our Smoothie Bar operational.
* The AAA Banquet (**A**cademics-**A**thletics-**A**ctivities) will be held on May 29th at the Tobique Lions Center. The meal will be prepared and served by the staff.

**Student Council Report by Emma Giberson:**

* Some up-coming activities will be Dress-up Day; Green Day and Career Day.
* There will be a pizza party for the Talent Show participants and those who help organize the event.
* We will continue with ‘Hat Day’ as a fundraiser.

**New Business**

* The PSSC Supper Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24th. The location has not been finalized.

**Correspondence**

* None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2017**

**6:30pm**

**Tobique Valley High School**

**Room 102**

Meeting adjourned