



**Carleton North High School
30 School Street, Florenceville-Bristol, N.B.**

PSSC Minutes

Date: November 24, 2020 Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MS Teams Virtual Meeting

<p>PSSC Members Present: Tanya Mitham – Co-Chair Andrea Callahan Heather Chase Sherry Brennan Monica O’Neill Karen Guest Olivia Williams – SRC Rep. Elliot Derrah – SRC Rep. Shelley Hunter, Teacher Rep.</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Lisa Wolverton Sarah Oakes, Co-Chair</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Jason Smith, Principal Jana Brennan, Vice-principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Andy Saunders</p>
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Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Tanya Mitham at 7:02 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Monica O’Neill moved to accept the agenda as circulated; Shelley Hunter seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Monica O’Neill moved to accept the minutes as circulated and seconded by Shelley Hunter.

Celebrations: by Jason Smith – It was a successful Parent-Teacher session by telephone. Teachers had sent out progress reports before report cards. Good feedback from parents. Teachers reached out to students who achieved great success and those that are on the bubble. Shelley Hunter asked a question to committee members what their thoughts were on parent-teacher by phone. Responses – liked better than sitting in the hall waiting, enjoyed the prearranged time and the ample time for discussion with teachers.

Correspondence:

Submission of names for PSSC elections. There are 4 people who have expressed interest (1 will confirm soon as checking on conflict of interest). Their names are Cindy Pearson, Kim Chestnut and Tara Orchard. There will be an election for 2 individuals.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- I. Power School Live** – Update – Everything is good to go for the test group. We had to wait while report cards were being done as PowerSchool Live is not available at this time. Please call the school to set up a time to come in and sign the paper work and pick up the log in information.
- II. PSSC Elections** – There are 4 people who have put their name forward (1 still confirming). Vote will be held virtually by an email link. PSSC members will be sent the link to vote. There will be 3 questions, PSSC member’s name, student’s name and who you are voting for. You only vote for one person. The 2 with the most votes will win.

III. Essential Skills: Second Cohort – Mr. Tracey visited the classrooms of the grade 10 students and explained about the Essential Skills program. Those interested in this program for second semester are to fill out an application form. Applicants will have an interview. There will be 8

successful applicants starting second semester. Students from the first cohort have started going out to work placements right now.

New Business:

- I. Covid-19 Update** – There is a concern on how safe schools are in our community. Here at CN, it is very safe. The phone has been busy these past two days asking if there is cases here. They have been told that the school is safe and there is no cases here. If there was a case, the school would be contacted by Public Health. At the time, we would hear from the Superintendent and the Principal. Contact tracing would take place and school would proceed with replacement staff. There was an email and talk mail sent out to all homes indicating CN was a safe school at this time and our expectation was for students to attend. It is imperative that staff and students wear their masks properly and hand sanitize upon entering the building and classrooms. The office is keeping track of those students who are not attending and why. It is hard for students to stay home and complete their school work. Not everything can be achieved through Teams.
- II. Student Engagement: Survey and Data** – Jana Brennan emailed the results from the CNHS Check-In Survey. Jana read the results from the survey. She was pleased with the feedback. She asked the PSSC members to email her questions that they would like asked on the next survey. Jason asked SRC representative, Olivia Williams how best to get the results out to the students. Olivia suggested maybe face to face groups in the theatre. Jana suggested maybe through grade level Teams that Guidance has set up.
- III. Academic Support & Skills** – We understand learning from home is not ideal but it is the reality this year. We receive requests every day from students and parents to attend school every day. We look at each students needs through PLP, medical needs and numbers in each class. We try our best to accommodate each student. Report card data shows many students (115/417) are behind in assignments or are not meeting with success in one or more courses. Plans have been put in place to give these students the opportunity to succeed.

There will be a Skillset newsletter issued by the Student Services Team which will be passed out to students each week for the next 5 weeks. This newsletter will be full of ideas on how to develop skills to be successful at home with respect to time management, organization and study skills.

IV. School Report

- a) Principals Report (see attached document)
- b) SRC Report (see attached document)
- c) Staff Report (see attached document)

Date of Next Meeting: January 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Heather Chase and seconded by Karen Guest at 8:04 pm.

PSSC Chair

Date

PSSC Secretary

Date

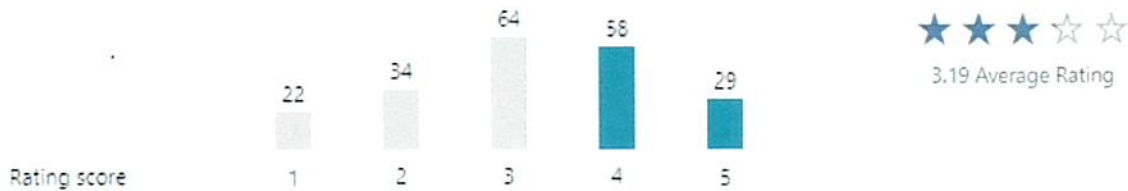
CNHS Check-In Survey Results (Oct / Nov 2020)

207 responses

1. How are you feeling on a scale of 1 – 5?

42% rated between "4-5" for this question

Score distribution

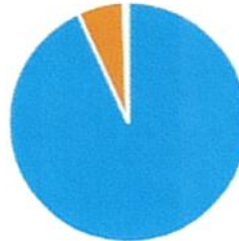


2. Is there something specific about school this fall that has gone BETTER than you thought it would? See attached sheet for responses.

3.

Is your technology (laptop, iPad, phone) working well?

[More Details](#)



4.

How much time are you spending on school work on your 'At-Home' learning days'?

[More Details](#)



5. Are you able to keep up with your assignments this semester? Why or why not? See attached sheet for details.

6. We know that it might be tough to feel connected when you are only at school every other day. Is there something specific we could be doing to help you feel more connected to CNHS? See attached sheet for details.

Details for #2: Has something gone **better** than you thought?

- 74 responses of “No” or “Not really”
- 38 blank responses
- 4 responses of “Everything”
- 13 responses of “Online Learning”
- Sample responses include:
 - It’s going how I expected (x3 responses)
 - Would be better if the gym were open in the mornings
 - Going to school every other day
 - No, I really miss the day to day instruction
 - Getting to play games in my sport
 - People wearing masks - - thought it was going to be more annoying than it is (x3 responses)
 - I like the every other day
 - I like the way the school is set up because of COVID
 - Moving from class to class
 - Working at home is good
 - The on and off days
 - Sanitization
 - I am not scared and I thought I was going to be scared
 - Was easier finding my way around the school than I thought it would be
 - I can focus better in class with less students / smaller classes (x2 responses)
 - Going to school every other day because you get to do your work at your own pace
 - They started basketball
 - The way sports are run
 - Seeing friends
 - Knowing where to go
 - I thought school would be boring and we wouldn’t be able to hangout with our friends but it’s still fun
 - Nope everything sucks I hate school
 - No all of it was disappointing
 - No it sucks
 - We get to play school sports
 - The incorporation of laptops
 - Ability to participate in extra-curriculars
 - Learn at your own pace courses
 - It’s all been really weird

Details for #5: Are you able to keep up with your assignments this semester? Why or why not?

- 114 responses of Yes
- 44 responses of No
- 12 responses of Mostly
- Sample responses include:
 - Mostly, but there is a lot of work being asked of us on our off days
 - The online stuff is confusing
 - Only part is on Teams and sometimes I forget to do the paper assignments
 - Yes but some teachers are handing out way too much on our days off
 - I feel like my teachers are giving a good amount of work each day, they're not overwhelming me and they provide me with support and skills for getting things done on time
 - No because every laptop I receive never works right and I'm stressed
 - No because there are so many and online school has made my marks go down drastically
 - Mostly, but it can be exhausting
 - Yes, because when they are handed out I do them shortly after so I don't fall behind
 - Yes, it's very easy to be on track
 - Yes, although sometimes I get behind because of work
 - Mostly, some teachers send a little too much or they're inconsistent which bothers me sometimes
 - Yes, my teachers are specific about what they want
 - It's confusing – I don't know which stuff to turn in or keep. I don't know what sheets I've already done and ones I haven't done yet
 - Everything but Chem because it's too much and you have to teach it to yourself
 - I'm finding it difficult
 - Hardly, some teachers assign 3 hours of work for their class alone
 - No because at my house there is no quiet place to work which makes concentrating difficult
 - Nope the online stuff is too overwhelming
 - No because there's a lack of motivation
 - Yeah I work on bigger ones on the weekend
 - For the most part yes, but I have turned in a few late because of confusion with TEAMS
 - Yes because I know they are important
 - Yes, but everything is just so stressful
 - I wasn't at first and I'm just getting in the swing of things. It was mainly because I didn't have much of a routine
 - Yes, because I'm 'managing my time
 - Yes, however keeping up means spending a lot of time on school work and not having time left for seeing friends / de-stressing
 - Yes, it is a good amount of work
 - Barely, because I have so many assignments to do in one day it overwhelms me
 - Yes, however it's hard because I've got multiple classes during the day and it's HOME day school where we shouldn't have to work past 3 if we start at 8:30
 - Some days I can and some days I can't.
 - No, I cannot stay focused on the work while at home.

Details for #6: Is there something we can do to help you feel more connected to CNHS?

- 77 responses of No or Nothing
- 64 blank responses
- Sample responses include:
 - Bring my friends over to my day / switch days (x3 responses)
 - I'm as connected today as I was 4 years ago. I enjoy doing school from home.
 - Come to school daily (x13 responses)
 - Give less home work
 - I feel teachers don't really understand how we are feeling. We are overwhelmed.
 - Nothing. You guys are doing great
 - Lockers for our winter coats (x2 responses)
 - It would help a lot more if teachers replied a lot faster over TEAMS because sometimes it takes up to a day (x2 responses)
 - The only thing I want is for us not to have to be 6 feet apart and wear a mask.
 - Not that I can think of. Schools going pretty well so far
 - Check up more to see how we're doing
 - Maybe have a day where we see people from the other group
 - No there is nothing. You guys are doing a great job
 - No, I'm stressed about exams this year...I don't think we should have exams
 - It would be easier to give us all the work online than on paper when we are at school
 - You guys are doing your best and thank you for that
 - Exams -we are not in class enough to cover what we need for an exam. I hate the school and cannot wait to get out of it. They offer no compromise or assistance to work from home
 - I like being at home – doing my work more than when I'm at school. I think better and it is less stressful
 - Let us walk around in the mornings. It feels like you're dictating us to stay in one room
 - I personally think some teachers should try live streaming their classes to as on at home days
 - I'm modified in 3 out of 5 classes and it would benefit me to go everyday
 - Be with friends, most of my friends go on the opposite day
 - Stop doing math over a screen with no help.
 - Please don't assign work for us to do at home learning days that we haven't covered with you
 - The teachers don't actually bother teaching us the material, they just tell us to do it.
 - Everything is fine

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Submitted by Shelley Hunter

6th Annual Pajama Drive

In memory of CNHS star Emma Pearson, the 6th annual Pajama Drive is underway. Staff and students are asked to bring any donation of new pajamas for children and women to Mrs. Hunter's room. Points will be awarded to Team Carleton or North for every pair donated. Collection ends Monday, November 30th. Help spread love around, one pair of PJs at a time!

Academics:

- Mr. Tracey's Dramatic Arts 120 class continue to produce regular Video Announcements. They are shown to students during the beginning of Period 4.
- Two of Mr. Davis' Biology classes went to the Muddy Boots site, which is now designated a Wetland Centre of Excellence, and they collected cool aquatic critters and Stickleback fish. Two classes collected mold from around the school and then drew pictures of them using microscopes.
- Mr. Davis' Grade 11 and 12 students just finished their research papers and presentations, and they were very well done!

Athletics:

- The **Cheer** team is comprised of 14 girls and 1 boy. They have a competition in a few weeks.
- **Basketball** has started with five teams: **JV Boys and Girls, Varsity Boys and Girls** teams as well as an **Exhibition Boys** team. All teams are playing their first game tonight.
- **Hockey** is underway. The **Boys** team has played 4 games with their next game on Wednesday; the **Girls** team plays their second game Sunday night.

Hockey is the only sport we can go watch (arrive 10 minutes before game time). All other sports are going to be live streamed.

Guidance:

- **Grade 12 virtual scholarship meeting** took place and a recording will be posted
- Mental Fitness and mental health information and newsletters are being shared with students on their **grade level MS teams**
- A series of **skill sets** are being presented to students by teachers, and a newsletter with these essential skill sets will be sent home to parents: organization and setting a goal, time management, study skills, review/adjustments, and final assessment preparation. The idea is that this is support for students on at home days, and that parents will also be engaged in the process in helping their child do good work at home. Linking essential skills students to help with making lap desks out of old desktops to help with student organization.
- **Youth Empowerment Summit:** 10 CNHS students will be participating in this virtual event on Wednesday, November 25th. They will learn about mental health and wellness and bring some ideas back to our school to implement.
Each year they take on 8-10 high school aged leadership groups across the province who participate in a series of sessions around mental health, de-stigmatizing, providing coping skills, empowering youth to tackle their own mental health and to become advocates in their own communities.
- **AARAO Virtual fairs** are going on right now. They are being recorded and can be watched on the YouTube channel.

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Submitted by Shelley Hunter

Teaching in 2020-2021:

As the representative for teachers at CNHS, I feel it necessary to share our collective feeling of exhaustion. Planning school-based and home-based activities, carrying a regular teaching load (even if it is to half a class, it's still a class) and providing support to students who are at home is taking its physical and emotional toll on staff. We are doing the best we can. In the past, PSSC members have shown their appreciation to teachers during "Teacher Appreciation Week" in mid-February. We need to feel appreciated now, not with gifts of food but with understanding. As representatives of parents, please let others know that if emails or calls are made to teachers in evenings and/or weekends, a reasonable expectation would be within 72 hours (not including weekends); Mr. Smith mentioned this in a late October communication. We are struggling to balance our work-home life.

What is heartening are some comments made by students recently on the "Check-In" survey for October-November. When asked "*Is there something we can do to help you feel more connected to CNHS?*", some students replied:

- *Nothing. You guys are doing great.*
- *No there is nothing. You guys are doing a great job.*
- *You guys are doing your best and thank you for that.*

This said, our Administrators are likely feeling similarly with the burden of the COVID-19 protocols added to an already full plate.