



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

PSSC Minutes

Date: February 22, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MS Teams Virtual Meeting

<p>PSSC Members Present: Monica O’Neil, Co-Chairperson Heather Chase Brian McLean Tanya Mitham Karen Guest Lisa Wolverson Victoria Hutt Maura Kilfoil – SRC Rep. Shelley Hunter, Teacher Rep.</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Tara Orchard, Co-Chairperson Sarah Oakes Sherry Brennan</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Jason Smith, Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Luke Rousselle Jana Brennan, Vice-Principal</p>
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Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Monica O’Neill at 7:06 pm.

Celebrations: Shelley Hunter – loved the treats from PSSC during Staff Appreciation Week. Basketball teams are going to the Regionals.

Approval of the Agenda: Karen Guest moved to accept the agenda. Tanya Mitham seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Karen Guest moved to accept the minutes as circulated and seconded by Tanya Mitham.

Correspondence: A few cards from parents regarding Staff Appreciation Week.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

PSSC Budget is \$1,322.43 and needs to be spent. We have discussed using the money for mental health/drug awareness campaign. Putting positive signage within the school. Motion was made for Administration, school staff, students and any member of the PSSC to develop positive messages we would like to see regarding substance abuse and mental health put through the school before the end of March 2022 using our PSSC money of \$1,322.43. Motion carried.

Home & School – We have 4 parents who have expressed interest. Jason will send an email setting up a meeting with them and Valerie Carmichael. Some procedural things need to be completed.

New Business:

Update Covid – Public Health’s latest guidelines, if a member of your house test positive all persons are to quarantine for 5 days pending your vaccination status. If not vaccinated, it is supposed to be 10 days. We know you could test positive again but the rule of thumb is if someone in your house tests positive within the 30 days of you testing positive, you do not have to quarantine again. In March we moved back to Level 1 in the Winter Plan but there wasn’t much change within the school. By the end of March, we could see a greater relaxation in the rules. District has implanted a new platform to report cases within our school. It looks like with the relaxation of rules coming Prom and Safe Grad activities could go on.

I. School Report

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

Date of Next Meeting: April 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Monica O’Neill seconded by Shelley Hunter at 7:44 pm

PSSC Chair

Date

PSSC Secretary

Date

Principal's Report: 2-22-2022

1. Semester 2 is well under way with all students able to attend unless they are isolating due to Covid. I believe we have a successful start.
2. Scheduling for next year has begun and we believe we will have a good grasp on our schedule by end of April. This will guide staffing within the school for the following year as well. Our numbers at this time will put us between 400-425. It all depends on students who drop out in a term, those that move in or out and this leaves us a flexible 20-30 students usually. CNHS drop out percentage is at approximately 1%. This is down from a reported 3-5% over the last 8 years.
3. We are continuing to increase our commitment to improving respect for diversity across our school. We started the Month with a display in the lobby for Black History, added a secondary display a little over a week ago about the Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom. It will remain the rest of the week. We had an opportunity for each first period class to engage in a Black Lives Matter seminar last week and we have been in discussion with NB Black Artist's Alliance member Gary Weekes, who will be doing a virtual tour with a couple of staff and then doing a visit in March with opportunity to do break-out sessions with students during the day. Additionally, we will have announcements the remainder of this week and one each week after until May.
4. In addition our district has asked us to participate in further enhancing our commitment to First Nations Truth and Reconciliation by playing the Woolostequ Honour Song once per week in place of our National Anthem. The education Act provides the ability to do so, and the district education council has asked that all schools willing engage in this act of reconciliation. A presentation to our student body will occur next week as well as an email arrive at each home to this effect.
5. New Student: Kardelen Uysal from Turkey has joined our school for the remainder of the year. She is one of two international students with us. Iya Moos is still with us as well and they are both fine additions to our school. We are really looking to increase the number of international students in our school through AEI and would like some support in celebrating this for our school and area. We need host families and we are looking for a coordinator for our area. I believe that we have two staff members who have expressed interest in the coordinator position. Mr. Muise and Ms. White.
6. We have had and continue to have new staff with us this year and this semester. I believe they are doing well and we are happy to continue to see new folks with us on a regular basis. We will have a student teacher joining us with Mrs. Kinney between March and April. His name is Matthew Boyd and I'm thinking he's from the Woodstock area.
7. We are expanding our footprint within the community and our shop teachers, Essential Skills Students and teacher as well as Mr. Carswell will be working together to see community based projects come to life. We have identified three projects for BrES, one for FES and one to two here for our school if time works on our side.
8. We are starting a welding club here at the school in conjunction with BWS and it will get under way in the next week or so. Ken Robins is going to start this club for us. We are excited as this could lead to Skills Canada competition in the spring.
9. I am supporting two students, one with a Personal Choice Course and one in ESAP with learning welding. We are using a community partner and a local tradesmen to carry this out. This is an example of the flexibility that Shelley mentioned earlier in the meeting. This has already started.

PSSC Teacher Representative Report – February 22, 2022

Submitted by Shelley Hunter

SRC:

- Thanks to the PSSC for helping with Staff Appreciation. The treats were much appreciated!
- Flower-grams were a success!
- Prizes were awarded to Dark Blue team who are leading in Constellations participation competition
- Miss Nickerson's homeroom period from last semester finally got their pizza party for bringing in the most items during the 12 Days of Giving courtesy of the SRC.
- Looking into March for more theme days and initiatives.

Academics:

- On February 16th, all students watched a 30-minute presentation during homeroom. The Black Lives Matter Fredericton branch prepared this video. Today during homeroom, Jason Smith spoke about the Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom – a connection to the Underground Railroad right here in New Brunswick. In the coming days, some students will be making announcements related to **Black History Month** in the morning. Some of the announcements will be little trivia or quiz questions. The first class to email Mekeda Ferron will receive a small prize. Moving forward, other announcements of recognition will take place (three in March) and one per month in April, May, and June.
- Amy McIntosh and Grace Nickerson have a display of the Body Biographies from our English 10A class.

Extracurricular Activities

- The Math Competition Club members will be participating in the University of Waterloo math competitions this Wednesday, February 23rd during Period 4. Our mathletes are Shay Paul (grade 9), Sarah Lagarde (grade 10) and Zoe Broad (grade 11).
- Art club has six regular attendees Thursdays after school. Everyone is working on their own projects.

Guidance:

Course requests for next year have started. New opportunities at BWS - parts/service, welding and finish off coop courses. Care & Maintenance of Automobiles 110 being added to course list at CNHS.

Wellness PLC:

This month's mental health/wellness day for students is this Friday, February 25th. There is a variety of activities planned. Teachers are releasing more and more responsibility to students. Many interesting sessions are planned include cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, Amazing Race, smoothie making, candy house building competition, games room, crafts, video games, board games, gym activities, Escape room, and quiet room (catch-up).

Athletics: With teams allowed to play league games, there's been much action lately! Basketball and hockey teams are winding down their seasons.

Basketball

- **Varsity Boys:** Two league games left. They will finish in 1st or 2nd and play a team in south.
- **Varsity Girls:** Finished in 2nd place and will play the number 1 seed in the south (undetermined)
- **Exhibition Boys:** Regardless of low numbers, they had a good season and will finish up this week.
- **JV Boys:** Finished 1st and will play the number 2 seed in the south (undetermined)
- **JV Girls:** Finished 2nd and will play the number 1 seed in the south (undetermined)

Hockey

- **Boys:** The boys' team had a difficult season for many reasons. As the players and coaches continue to grieve, they are shut down at this time with many COVID cases.
- **Girls:** The girls' team finished in 2nd place (or should) and will play Woodstock in a best of 3

Spring sports are starting. Carleton North will have badminton and volleyball starting right away along with rugby soon. Numbers of teams and players will be determined around March Break.

Intramurals with the move back to Level 1. The Phys Ed Leadership class is looking to run a basketball league and then a volleyball league to hopefully have a bit more fun during the noon hours.