## Carleton North High School: Parent School Support Committee Agenda

Date: January 11, 2022

Location: Virtual (Teams)

# **Agenda Items:**

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order
  - Welcome back Jason from his interim assignment
  - Welcome new PSSC community member, Victoria Hutt
  - Welcome new DEC representative for our area, Luke Rousselle
- 2. Celebrations
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes link to previous minutes: Scanned Document (nbed.nb.ca)
- 5. Correspondence:
  - Collaboration session of PSSC chairs in the area Tara
- 6. Business Arising from Minutes:
  - Jana had requested individuals connect with her related to interest for Community Connections, any updates? - Jana
- 7. New Business:
  - I. Update on return to school, distance learning and COVID protocols
  - II. Update on exams and final assessments
  - III. School Reports
    - Principal's Report Jason
    - SRC Report Carrie
    - Staff Report Shelley
  - IV. Other business
  - V. Next Meeting Scheduled for: February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM
  - VI. Adjournment



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

Date: January 11, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm Location: MS Teams Virtual Meeting

**PSSC Members Present:** 

Monica O'Neil, Co-Chairperson

Tara Orchard, Co-Chairperson

Brian McLean

Tanya Mitham

Sarah Oakes

Sherry Brennan

Karen Guest

Lisa Wolverton

Victoria Hutt

Carrie O'Neil - SRC Rep.

Shelley Hunter, Teacher Rep.

**PSSC Members Regrets:** 

Heather Chase

School/DEC Representation Present:

Jason Smith, Principal

Jana Brennan, Vice-Principal

School/DEC Representation:

Luke Rousselle

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Monica O'Neill at 7:01 pm.

Welcome back to Jason Smith. Welcome to Victoria Hutt, our new community member and Luke Rousselle our new PSSC member.

<u>Celebrations</u>: Shelley Hunter – today the kids were in class for online learning. Jason Smith – leadership of student body doing a Black Lives Matter presentation. Adrian Brennan is coordinating. Rescheduled for February. Tara Orchard – celebrate Jason returning and Jana stepping up to acting Principal.

<u>Approval of the Agenda</u>: Karen Guest moved to accept the agenda. Sherry Brennan seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting</u>: Karen Guest moved to accept the minutes as circulated and seconded by Sherry Brennan.

<u>Correspondence:</u> PSSC Collaboration meeting. Tara Orchard and Monica O'Neill attending. Waiting for other schools to confirm attendance.

# **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Update: Community Connections – have not heard from anyone on this. Please think if there is a way CN students can serve our community. Would like to see more involvement with the community. Will continue to reach out to the community for options.

### **New Business:**

I. Return to School – This is not ideal for everyone as we want students in the building in front of teachers. Goal this time is to control and minimize spread of omicron.

Parameters set up to support the students the most in need. Small number of students in the building. Resource students were invited back to work one on one with their EA to facilitate their learning. Students attending are in the library logging in for their online learning. Skilled trade students are allowed to attend 3 days to complete skilled trade courses.

II. Exams and Final Assessments – Online learning from January 11–21, 2022. Possibly longer, we have no idea. Staff have met and there will be no final exams for Semester 1. There will be assessments of some sort be it final unit test, final project or final paper. We encourage students to complete assignments by January 21<sup>st</sup> as that is the last day of regular classes in Semester 1. After this teachers will have to look at each individual student to see who needs to attend completion or recovery days on Jan 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. Voice mail will be sent out to homes.

# III. School Report

- a) Principals Report (see attached document)
- b) SRC Report All student council members attended NB Student Leadership Conference virtually. Sold tickets on a Christmas basket. Last week of school before break, SRC did theme days and lunch time activities. Candy grams were delivered.
  - c) Staff Report (see attached document)

VIII. Other Business – Staff Appreciation Week is coming in February. Think about Student Appreciation in June. What is the PSSC Budget for 2021-2022. What can the money be spent on? Discussion on using the money for mental health and addiction awareness campaign.

Date of Next Meeting: February 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Monica O'Neill seconded by Tara Orchard at 8:45 pm.

PSSC Chair	Date
PSSC Secretary	Date

Principal's Report: Jason Smith

#### 1-11-2022

- 1. Online Learning: We were given specific criteria on who to invite, but that numbers had to be reasonable and there was no expectation of blended learning. We were also given indication that trades needed to be hands-on and should be rotational to allow for SD and access to tools/teacher. 83 students were initially contacted with some rotating through. With this in mind, we are still seeing a few that we may need to invite. We are doing a district update daily. Today, 49/83 students were to be here and 13 did not show (absenteeism). We are having our priority 1-2 in the resource area with contact with teachers when needed and the rest are in the library or shop as required where admin and ESS supervise.
- 2. Exams/final assessment: We met with staff last week and advised them that there would be no formal exam perse, and that smaller scale assessment should be conducted to determine if outcomes are met/unmet. WE will approach the final assessment week as we did in June with some exempt and others needing to complete further outcomes. This will be communicated tomorrow evening in a voice mail.
- 3. THC Trafficking Use/ Strategy for education (partnership): Presentation that was done Friday: We've seen an increase overall within schools, availability and the manner in which students acquire or traffic them. Edibles, pens and or other substances are more readily acquired in our system because of legalization and/use in homes. We are working on strategies with students and community partners for reduction and how do we educate homes/school about use and impacts. Discussion summary was given to PSSC of the presentation and partners.
- 4. Home and School Committee: We would like to have/start one for various reasons. Do you think we would have interest in establishing one so that we can raise funds and organize things for various school improvements and response to needs (Christmas families/meals). We organized Christmas dinner for our students at no cost to them. Our partners were McCain (large), rotary (1500), bath lions (200), community members and so on. It was generous on the part of smaller business and community members. It would be nice to have an ongoing strategy and group to manage and facilitate this with other staff members too.
- 5. Graduation: We are starting to order our usual things from diplomas to gowns and this will proceed as normal. We will be working with the community partners who are looking after "prom" and how this may stay in community or be in the school based on Covid-19. We are putting hold on grad fees pending information that comes from the prom committee and raised funds. Don't want to charge and then give back if we don't have to. People participate in the school to help with various things.
- 6. Student Survey/Staff Survey: Surveys have closed, Student survey results not in, will share at next meeting. Staff results in yesterday and they look good. We would like to share these with staff first and then send a copy to you folks. This will feed into our data for our annual school report which is postponed due to the changes we are experiencing right now. ELPA is postponed as well, which was to occur at end of January. We will keep you updated about this as well.
- Guidance and Admin are preparing course selection and work towards next school year. We
  want to start this now and have decision made much sooner. Staffing changes and School FTE
  will impact decisions moving forward.

8. Staffing: Todd Retired as well as Dale and these positions will now be posted before the end of the month. Sherry Goodine will not start the second semester but will do a gradual return to work. Alyssa wiseman is returning as is Kathleen Trevors McLean. Drew Kinney, Carrie Trecartin and Mr. Arseneault are due to complete their time with us at the end of the month. We will be hiring 2.5 persons by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### PSSC Teacher Representative Report – January 11, 2022

Submitted by Shelley Hunter

#### Academics:

- The McCain CNHS Virtual TOKTW Event took place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a great success. McCain's senior management and CNHS grade 9 classes met virtually during Period 2. Students were presented with what McCain does and has to offer career-wise. They were engaged and asked thought-provoking questions. McCains provided the classes some McCain cake and a swag bag. Four of our students had the opportunity to be interviewed afterward for a media release.
- Ms. Anderson's Cul Tech 120 class made a full Christmas dinner. They planned it themselves from start to finish: creating a menu, gathering recipes, making a grocery list, dividing tasks, preparing, setting the table with our donated 100 year old China and cleaning up!! Their feast included turkey, ham, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, corn, squash, coconut cream pie with homemade whipping cream, apple pie (with a homemade crust), Nanaimo bars, homemade cranberry jelly, and punch!
- On the last day of school, Ms. Anderson's Cul Tech 120 amazing class made and distributed 430 Christmas cookies. It was an awesome idea that students thought of their peers.
- Last year, Adrian Brennan and a few of his classmates began a racial justice initiative as a part of our grade 11 English class. We were motivated to do this because of the racism that still occurs across the world today, even in our area. A 30-minute presentation, from the Black Lives Matter Fredericton branch, is the final part of their initiative. This presentation, originally scheduled for first period on January 12<sup>th</sup>, will be postponed until a later date in February, which conveniently is Black History Month.
- Shelley Hunter and Mollie Pickard have applied for the NBTA's Teacher Designed Professional Learning Grant. If awarded this \$1500 grant, their project is to implement at least the first three key strategies described in Peter Liljedahl's book Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics. The three essential elements are incorporating highly engaging thinking tasks, using visible random student groupings, and providing vertical non-permanent surfaces for group work. Teachers would implement these strategies in at least one of their math classes. The funding would provide supply time and copies of Liljedahl's book as well as dry erase products.

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#### Extracurricular Activities

- New Brunswick Student Leadership Conference (NBSLC) was virtual this year. It was held December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> as it had been postponed due to the CUPE strike in November. We were able to invite ALL student council members (as opposed to the usual 2-3 students I take to the Delta). Students were able to participate in a meeting with the superintendent and DEC members, while advisors attended workshops. They watched a keynote presentation by Fahd Alhattab, shared passion project ideas, participated in the provincial AGM, and attended breakout sessions by Orlando Bloom and Ian Tyson. The conference ended with an award and closing ceremony. Good times!
- Mr. Davis' ISCF club has started a book study; he's handed out 10 books.

#### Guidance:

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, all students watched a virtual RCMP presentation on healthy online behaviours, healthy relationships, and sexting during Period 2.

## Wellness PLC:

Our second Wellness Activity Afternoon on November 24<sup>th</sup> was a success with many great sessions. Students participated in many fun activities including skating at the NCCC. December's Wellness Activity was less structured: Period 4 and 5 teachers provided an activity to their classes on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the last day of school – a compressed day (morning only). On this date, Wellness PLC students spread some Christmas cheer distributing cups of hot chocolate, candy canes and cookies to classes. Santa and Carleton the Bear even made an appearance!

Athletics: Since mid-December, all teams (basketball and hockey) have been practicing only.