

PSSC Meeting Monday January 22, 2018

Present: Crysta Collicott, Penny Lynch, Serena Bradford, Brenda McKeen, Vicki Aube, Nicole Moeller, Aibhlean Moeller. Absent: Tanya Harris, Tina Noble

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed for members to read. Vicki moved the minutes approved as is; Brenda second the motion; motion carried

DECH training was added to the agenda. It was moved by Brenda to accept the agenda as amended; seconded by Vicki; motion carried.

Business Arising:

Space Camp – Students from grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in a 4 day camp in Quebec City. Crysta sent a message out to staff to see if anyone would be interested in supervising this project, and she has not received a positive response yet. It was mentioned that staff are reluctant due to an issue that has happened in the past within the school, and that it is no response from staff is not directly related to the program itself. There are other schools in the district that are involved in this program and it was mentioned that maybe HHS could look into sharing with the other schools (or HHS students working with those other schools).

Memorial Committee – Letishia briefed members of the new memorial committee that has been formed and what has been discussed so far. It was decided that the annual home game between Harvey and McAdam will now be known as the Dawson Forrett Memorial game and all proceeds will be donated to the Dawson Forrett Memorial Award to be given out to a deserving student at graduation. Details on the requirements for the student will be determined at a later date.

It was also decided that the memorial bench (being constructed by HHS students in the shop) will be displayed next to the basketball court at the end of the school drive way. It was noted that the bench will not just be placed there, but the site will be prepared respectfully with plants/trees. It was also mentioned that setting at this place 1) allows those who do not want to be faced with the memorial regularly do not have to see it (in comparison to if it was placed near the entrance of the school) and 2) can allow for expansion if something so unfortunate ever happens again.

There was great discussion about the retirement of the basketball jersey that Dawson wore. This discussion was quite lengthy and both the student and adult representatives participated. It was mentioned that of the other Harvey High students that passed away suddenly, there are no memorials other than memorial monetary awards given out at the end of the school year, and there is concern of 'fairness'. Most of the past students were athletes and no jerseys were retired at that time. In the end, it was decided that the jersey will not be put back into circulation until the year after Dawson would have graduated (2019).

Volunteer Training – an ad was placed in the lionws and there are currently 9 people registered for the volunteer training. The date is Jan 24-18 at 7:00.

Drama – Vicki is going to lead the drama club. It is not just acting though. It is music, arts, drama and the kids will be involved in everything from production to the technical stuff. It is planned to be in conjunction with the green and gold review and will take place sometime in May

SIP – The SIP handouts were passed out and reviewed by members. It is the goal to have students more involved in their own assessment and learning process. Currently the middle school level is more involved in the process than the high school level.

The split classes in the middle school is presenting some challenges. There is a new teacher hired and will help with teaching math grade 8 and Penny will be teaching grade 7. As well, once semester 2 is finalized in the high school, some students will be asked to help in the middle school classes.

Unfortunately due to the number of students at HHS, our class options are limited for high school students. Calculus is being offered to the high school students this year and Don Fletcher is working on on-line options for students. Joelle Gillespie has met with all students to help with course selection.

The coop program for grade 12 students is led by Jeff Murch. It is more flexible this year, offering ½ day, full day and partial day programs. Students have placings in Fredericton, Harvey and McAdam.

Exam week was discussed. HHS does offer assistance to students in need and tries not to deny anyone, even with the challenges of staffing all the different rooms etc.

DECH Training – Serena talked about the meeting she attended. There were 14 of 26 schools in attendance. Discussed at that meeting is as follows:

- 1) PL ½ days – right now the consensus is that parents and students don't like the half days as it interferes with child care planning. They wonder why it can't be a full day. Parents can submit complaints by email or letter. It is a trial for 1 year and if they receive negative feedback from parents/staff, then it may go back to being full day PL days.
- 2) Safety – Crossing guards were discussed and it was noted that this area is not part of district, but part of the police control.
- 3) SIP – Those schools that are not represented and voices heard are not included. Therefore it is important for our school to be represented.
- 4) Policy 120 was discussed. The complaint is that it prohibits some schools from generating revenue by advertising space sold in school news letters.
- 5) Website – the DECH has a website and encourages all schools to post pictures and success stories
- 6) Capital projects – it is important for HHS to be represented at the DECH meetings when things like funding for capital projects is discussed. Those with a voice present are more likely to receive requested funding.
  - a. Capital projects we discussed are new lockers, new bleachers, painting, upgrade of heating and cooling system and replacing gym floor. It was discussed about fundraising by HHS, and some projects were seen as 100% district responsibility (ie lockers) and some could be shared expenses (ie bleachers).
  - b. Shawn Tracey is the director of Finance. Crysta will find out who parents can contact regarding funding for projects etc.

Junior Achievement – this has been moved to next meeting as Tanya is not present.

Brenda moved the meeting adjourned; Nicole second the meeting.