**River Valley Middle School PSSC**

Minutes – October 5, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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In attendance: Tatum Clendenning, Robyne Foster, Andrea Hatt, Jennifer Hunter, Krista Mawhinney, Erin Morrison, Amanda Hamm, Trudy McGrath, Carol Gatien

Regrets: Kim McCormick, Jennifer Doyle, Stacey Doyle Unknown status: Dan Pusey

Meeting called to order: 6:34 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions - each member present introduced themselves and their connection to RVMS
2. Code of Conduct - Ms. McGrath reviewed the RVMS PSSC Code of Conduct; focus on confidentiality of committee discussions; asked each member to send in (scanned or paper copy) the PNB Declaration form; discussed the PSSC committees exist as an item under the PNB Education Act
3. Purpose of PSSC - Ms. McGrath reviewed purpose and duties and Amanda Hamm, DEC representative also added to this discussion
4. Selection of Meeting Dates - Meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays at 6;30; hopeful to have some in person this year but currently via Zoom platform; Meeting dates for the year were selected: Oct 5, Nov 9, Jan 11, Feb 8, April 5, May 10, June 7
5. Selection of Chair and Recording Secretary – Krista Mawhinney continues to sit as our chairperson; Tatum Clendenning also offered her services for Chair but has accepted position of Recording Secretary
6. Amanda Hamm – DEC Info – Amanda discussed her duties as our DEC rep and reviewed the purpose of DEC in the operations of the school district; her position offers a direct link between school PSSC member and the DEC
7. ASD-S Appeals Committee – At the request of Ms. Z. Watson, Ms. McGrath explained the duties of the ASD-S Appeals Committee and asked members to consider volunteering for this important duty; District seeing many more appeals regarding placement of students.
8. Cafeteria News – Ms. McGrath explained that RVMS has been without Cafeteria service for a few years; extended because of Covid-19; she has had word from ASD-S that Chartwells will begin service soon; tentative date of Oct 4 then Oct 12; no word at meeting time

*\*\*\*since meeting, Chartwells has been into the school and hope to start cafeteria service by end of October: no further info on start-up date, menus or ordering as of Oct 18.*

1. Dress Code – at request of anonymous parent, the committee discussed and reviewed dress code, which was sent to members prior to the meeting. Ms. McGrath agreed that this can be a difficult thing in Middle School. At RVMS, the focus is on teaching what is workplace appropriate; i.e. we speak differently, use our phones differently and dress differently at work than we do at home. If students are spoken to it is done quietly and as privately as possible; long discussion about how we can better represent the intent of the policy; renaming; looking at wording; tabled for future meeting.
2. ASAP & Sports – explanation about why ASAP and sports are currently “on hold”. For example, there were not enough vaccinated Soccer players to field teams. The expectations of the Province and District are difficult to “operationalize” in a school setting. What do we do with unvaccinated students during ASAP?; as of October 18 Ms. McGrath is still working with ASD-S for clarification and is still hopeful that we can bring back ASAP soon.
3. Future discussion/action items

-Dress Code -First Aid/CPR courses at school

-Career Fair -Babysitting courses at school

-PSSC Budget -Field enhancement project

1. Adjournment at 8:08.