

River Valley Middle School PSSC
October 29, 2018

Attendees:

Principal Trudy McGrath
Christine Jacobson
Cathy Fawcett
Donna Coleman
Laurie Mclsaac-Bewsher
Krista Hawkes
Maggie Coffin Prowse

Regrets:

Chair – Dan Pusey
Vice Principal Erica Nelson
Teacher Darrah Sawyer
Megan Steeves
Terri Mutch
Kelly Robson
Miranda Harnish
Rob Fowler

1. Welcome

6:59pm Principal McGrath welcomed the group and opened the meeting

2. Minutes from September Meeting

7:00 – Motion to accept minutes as prepared: Krista

Second to accept minutes: Cathy

No discussion.

All in favour – passed unanimously

3. Declarations

7:05 - Reminder for all members to sign declaration. Krista signed tonight. Terri Mutch and Megan Steeves signatures are outstanding.

4. Electronics

7:06 - Principal McGrath outlined the Electronics Policy status as follows:

- The new policy is as broadcast to parents – that there are to be no electronics use at all at the school;
- On Nov 12 the students can have them back with the message that if there is another warning it will be to say that electronics will be taken away next time for a longer period of time;
- The policy will be reviewed with the students again and outline the expectations;
- Parents are called when a child caught inappropriately using electronics at school; and,
- The hope is to teach the students to use electronics responsibly as opposed to a permanent ban.

Suggestion from PSSC is to continue to distribute information regarding technology use at home and at school.

5. PSSC Funds

7:18 – Principal McGrath outlined the budget and funding opportunities as follows:

- The budget for 2018/2019 is \$775.20 (approximately \$2.45/student).
- Traditionally, the money was spent on the communication systems. This year, the cost of communication (School Messenger) is covered for this academic year.
- The PSSC is to consider potential funding options. It should be for the benefit for the whole school, not just one school or one teacher.
- Some potential funding options might be classroom book libraries, projector costs, front lobby, equipment for workout room, gym equipment, cafeteria microwave, etc...
- PSSC guidelines state that the funds can only be used for PSSC mandate items.
- One suggestion was a cyber security night. Security specialist, police, etc... Cathy Fawcett will reach out to David Shipley.

6. Report Cards

- November 8, 2018 is the cut off for content on which teachers will mark students for report cards.
- November 9, 2018 is ½ day for PD and ½ day for report cards.
- November 15/16, 2018 parents can call the office to make appointments with teachers.
- November 19, 2018 report cards are issued to students. A breakdown of the grading will be shared with parents.
- November 22, 2018 (5-8) and November 23 (1-3) will be parent-teacher meetings. It is acceptable to have student attend meeting with teachers. The meetings are held with the team of teachers for the particular student.

7. Adjournment

7:52pm- Motion to adjourn: Laurie

Second to adjourn: Cathy

Meeting adjourned.