**River Valley Middle School PSSC**

**September 20, 2019**

**Attendees:**

Principal Trudy McGrath

Chair – Dan Pusey

Terri Mutch

Jennifer Hunter

Lori McIsaac-Bewsher

Kim McCormack

Kim Chaisson

Kelly Murray

Crystal Mawhinney

Cathy Fawcett

Donna Coleman

Maggie Coffin Prowse

Jennifer Doyle

Krista Mawhinney

1. **Welcome**

6:39pm Principal McGrath welcomed the group and opened the meeting.

1. **Introductions**

6:42 Everyone introduced themselves to the committee and Principal Trudy McGrath offered to circulate contact information. Mr. Fife will alternate with Ms. McCormack.

1. **Code of Conduct/Purpose of PSSC**

6:43 PSSC is advisory to whole school issues. Respecting confidentiality is critical.

Reviewed PSSC Information Booklet and specifically page 2 -Responsibilities.

Motion to elect Dan as PSSC Chair – Cathy Fawcett

Second – Donna Coleman

Passed

1. **Selection of 2019/2020 meeting dates**

6:56 – All PSSC meetings start at 6:30pm and usually wrap up 8pm

2019-2020 dates are:

October 28, 2019

November 25, 2019

January 20, 2020

February 24, 2020

March 30, 2020

April 27, 2020

May 25, 2020

Note, last day of school before Christmas is December 20, 2019 and last date of school for the academic year is June 19, 2020

1. **Cafeteria Service**

7:00 With Chef Frank gone the school has been looking for a solution that works for the students while preserving RVMS programs (e.g., Vinnie’s pizza). The options are Chartwells or RFP process. Chartwells typically wants a full contract upgrade to kitchen (approximately $10,000) and no other food sold in the school. An upgrade would be expensive and the ‘no other food’ policy would adversely affect Vinnie’s pizza.

A compromise was met in that Chartwells will start November 1st with Vinne’s pizza allowed every second Friday. The school will assess Chartwells success before Christmas. The relationship with Chartwells can be terminated on 30 days’ notice. If Chartwells isn’t working out, we can terminate, issue an RFP and incorporate aspects of student entrepreneurship (i.e., sales other that pizza).

1. **Discussion Points**

7:10 Career Day – This year good time to put on a career day as the last time was 3 years ago. All new kids. Discuss at next PSSC meeting who would be interested in helping out. Some ideas were doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, RCMP, linesmen, blood type nurse.

Babysitting course/First Aid CPR course – This sort of course would not be as ASAP, it would be a separate service. Cost is approximately $45 + HST for 3 sessions of 1:45 each or a whole day session. Principal McGrath can arrange for an after-school room.

Open House - Changing the open house date until after school started was a success. The kids seem to prefer the later date. Next year, someone from PSSC or a parent can operate the corn boil, so all teachers are free to interact within the school.

Skiing - Poley Mountain is expected to be full again this year. Last year the program was limited to 50 students and there was a waiting list. For this year, students can be included in the program on the following guidelines:

* + 1. 1st come-1st serve – Grade 7&8 with a deadline’ then
    2. 1st come – 1st serve – Grade 6

A whole school communication will go out.

Quebec - Grade 8 trip to Quebec is going to be June 10-13th. Only teachers as chaperones, no parents.

1. **Future discussion/action items**

None

1. **Adjournment**

7:40pm- Motion to adjourn: Laurie

Second to adjourn: Cathy

Meeting adjourned.