

Notes from PSSC Meeting- February 15, 2017

In Attendance: Jane, Andrew, Pat, Jill L., Angela, and Mark

Absent: Amy, Darlene, Amanda, Amber, Anne, Penny, Heather, Jill F., Kathie, Shannon, Cindy

1. Jane called the meeting to order. It was noted that attendance would be low due to the rescheduled open house at SJHS and that some were snowed in.
2. Tiffany Sabin and Angela Little gave a presentation on the new home reports being issued in November of 2017. Key Points:
 - The Purpose
 - It is a K-8 report
 - It will be based on student production, conversations, and observations.
 - It will have an achievement scale based on 1-4
 - There will be teacher comments, learning habits, and codes
 - Rollout brochure and info sessions in the fall
 - Discussion ensued.
3. Review of notes from meeting on January 18th, 2017. Points discussed:
 - Numbers for high school registration have yet to be determined as weather played havoc with open houses. Numbers will be shared at next meeting.
 - The new school mascot, Stomper, has been ordered and is currently being manufactured.
 - No further points discussed
4. Jane went over the schedule for Staff Appreciation Week (February 20-24th). The sub-committee assured that staff would be provided with food every day that week. A Facebook group was established.
5. Mark gave a progress report regarding a new sign for the school. The costs were high (in the \$13,000.00 range). Perhaps another avenue should be pursued. Concrete? Is this something the SJHS student scan help us with? That being said, the PSSC funds need to be used before the end of the fiscal year. Pat noted that these funds were used to purchase paper for photocopying.
6. Pat obtained a lotto license for the school to conduct the annual \$1000.00 bill raffle. Tickets have been ordered and students will get them on March 28th. The draw will be on April 7th. Proceeds go to the betterment of the school. It was suggested that some of this money be allotted for a sign.
7. Mark gave an update on Enrichment Day (March 3rd). Students will be asked to pay a \$3.00 fee. This will cover the cost of the following activities: bowling, movie, hockey, Aquatic Centre. An additional cost will be included for Babysitting Course and Elmhurst Outdoors.

8. Administrator's Report

- Science Fair will not be a school wide activity. It will be enrichment for those who choose to be involved.
- Both boys and girls basketball teams are wrapping up their regular seasons and getting ready for their respective provincial tournaments.
- Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball for both boys and girls will begin after March Break.
- The Cheerleaders continue to prepare for their competitive season which begins in the spring.
- STOMP Update
 1. Selected students were invited to attend the first part of the spelling bee as a reward.
 2. Close to 90 students attended the showing of *I Claudia* at the Imperial Theatre as a reward.
 3. Free tickets to the Hawaii Dance on February 16nd were drawn.
- Ms. Fullerton has been working with interested students on the Heritage Fair. The school fair is March 30th and the theme is Canada 150.
- After a five year absence. Bayside was involved in a spelling bee. Twenty-seven students participated with the top two advancing to the Regional Competition on February 25th.
- Bayside will undergo its 5 year external review on March 22nd and 23rd. Three reviewers will be on site to compare their findings with those of the internal review committee. The goal is school improvement.
- Ms. Lucy will be hosting a talent show on the evening of February 23rd.
- Ms. Arnold is hosting a Hawaii Dance on February 16th. Proceeds go to the production of the yearbook.
- Author, Robert Rayner, will read to five classes on February 20th as part of the Writers in Schools Program.
- The storm day cancellations are starting to pile up. The Superintendent has asked principals to closely monitor things like field trips, assemblies, etc. in order to maximize focus on curriculum.
- Teachers will have Professional Learning Sessions on February 24th. The focus is on the School Improvement Plan. There will be no school for students on that day.

9. Items from the Committee:

- Andrew asked about the snow plowing of sidewalks around the school. Pat mentioned that public sidewalks are under the domain of the City of Saint John.

10. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd, at 6:00 pm.

11. Call to close.