

Notes from PSSC Meeting- March 22nd, 2017

Present: Andrew, Pat, Mark, Amy, Amanda, Anne, Penny, Heather, Jill F., Kathie

Absent: Jane, Jill. L, Angela, Darlene, Shannon, Cindy, and David

1. Jane and Darlene were absent and Pat chaired the meeting on their behalf.
2. Kathie was introduced to the group.
3. Notes from meeting on February 15th were reviewed. Further discussion ensued regarding the new home reports being issued next school year. The members who attended that presentation felt it was worthwhile. No further questions or concerns about the notes were brought up.
4. Mark did a presentation on the Tell Them from Me Survey conducted in December. Some points:
 - This is a comparison to other middle schools in Canada.
 - Results will help drive our school improvement plan.
 - Below the norm on a few things...sports participation, etc. but above on a sense of belonging, friendships and peer interactions.
 - Some felt they were bullied, excluded and/or harassed
 - Most feel safe at school
 - Some issues with truancy and homework completion.
 - Sense of Depression is rising....social media playing a part on this.
 - A mixture of FI and English completed the survey... about 96 per grade.
5. Jane sent in some items to be shared with the group:
 - DEC Symposium on May 5-7th. Some PSSC members will be sponsored. Contact Rob Fowler if interested.
 - Lakewood Heights is sponsoring a Wellness Hour on April 4th from 6:00-7:00pm. Topic is adult and childhood anxiety and depression.
 - The 4 high schools had an excellent presentation on drug awareness. It would be of benefit to middle school students as well. Perhaps our PSSC should consider hosting this next year.
6. Pat did a brief presentation on the Violent Threat Risk Assessment process that is done in schools. He outlined the purpose, who is involved, types of questions asked, and the different stages of risk. Bayside has conducted 5 VTRAs over the past year. These assessments were done as a result of violent acts (3 times), intimidation (1 time), and self-harm (1 time).

7. Administrators' Report

- a. Staff Appreciation Wrap Up- Darlene sent in the receipts from the week. Withstanding donated food, the total was \$510.97. Again Pat & Mark praised the work of the committee in organizing this.

- b. Pat shared the results of the recent high school registration process:

Simonds FI= 20 and English = 62 Total= 82

SJHS FI= 23 and English= 22 Total= 45

St. Malachy's FI= 32 and English= 25 Total= 57

Total= 184 Grade 8 Registrations

Families will be notified as to high school placement by early April by mail.

- c. Based on numbers in February, Bayside is projected to be about 30 students less of the 2016-2017 numbers. Very early figures indicate the following:

Grade 6- English- 3 homerooms FI- 3 homerooms

Grade 7- English – 5 homerooms FI- 3 homerooms

Grade 8- English- 5 homerooms FI- 2 homerooms

Total= 21 homerooms

These numbers are very preliminary.

- d. The school heritage fair will be the afternoon of March 30th. Ms. Fullerton has been meeting with interested students on a weekly basis. Overall winners will advance to a regional competition in May.
- e. In the past, Bayside has run a school wide science fair. It was decided that science fair would be just for those students who were interested. We are attempting a Science Olympics this year where interactive science activities will be set up for all students. This will be done on April 13th.
- f. Volleyball season has begun. Bayside are offering both varsity and junior varsity teams for both boys and girls. Rugby and flag football tryouts will begin soon. Cheerleaders are about to begin their competitive season.
- g. Bayside will conduct its annual \$1000.00 lotto in April. There will be a kick off assembly on March 27th. Students must obtain parental consent to sell tickets. The draw will be on the afternoon of April 7th. Proceeds are used to fund school activities and programs.
- h. 10 students from Grade 7 and 10 from Grade 8 will be selected to represent Bayside at the annual UNBSJ Math Competition on May 12th. Ms. Heward will work with these student each week to prepare them.
- i. Term 3 specialties begin on March 27th. Home reports are also being distributed on March 27th. The grades on this report reflect work completed from September to March. Parent-Teacher meetings will be March 30th form 4- 7:00 pm and March 31st from 1-3:00 pm. There will be no school for students on March 31st as teachers have professional learning in the morning.
- j. YEA will sponsoring Rainbow Day on April 19th. This day is designed to address homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia.

- k. Mark gave a PBIS update. We continue to give weekly STOMP prizes. We have incorporated STOMP to Canada 150 by asking trivia questions based on STOMP principals. STOMP will play a role in the Science Olympics and prizes will be awarded in conjunction with the Science Olympics. There will be a singer associated with the EMCA Awards performing at Bayside on April 26th. Students will be permitted to attend if they live up to STOMP expectations.
 - l. Pat thanked the committee for their input in preparation for the external review. The review is taking place on March 22nd and 23rd. Three reviewers will be looking for 32 specific items. Pat will share the results at the next meeting.
 - m. One of our students won a major prize through our fundraiser with Children's Wish Foundation. The yet to be revealed student's name was drawn for a national wide draw and won a \$1500.00 travel voucher to go anywhere Air Canada flies. All students who raised over \$100.00 were eligible for the draw.
 - n. STOMPER, the new school mascot, is almost complete and paid for. Mark showed a picture of what he/she looks like. We anticipate that it will be ready for an assembly on April 16th.
 - o. Grade 7s and Grade 8s will be invited to an assembly sponsored by MADD Canada on March 28th. This presentation looks at the dangers of impaired driving.
 - p. Over 30 Grade 6 students, both English and FI, have been randomly selected for a French assessment to be conducted on March 27, 28, and 29th. Each oral interview will take about 20 minutes.
 - q. Grade 7 girls, with parental consent, will receive their second immunization for HPV on April 27th.
8. There were no further items put forward from the Committee.
9. Next meeting is scheduled for April 19th at 6:00 pm.
10. Pat closed the meeting.