

Notes from PSSC Meeting May 24th, 2017

Present: Andrew, Pat, Amber, Jane, Angela, David, Mark, Amy, Penny, Heather (DEC), Jill F., Kathie, Jill F., and Darlene.

Regrets: Anne and Amanda

1. This was a supper meeting as it was the last scheduled PSSC meeting for the 2016-17 school year.
2. Jane called the meeting to order.
3. Review of notes from meeting on April 19, 2017. No discussion of notes ensued. David made call to approve and this was seconded by Jill F.
4. Jane discussed planning for a middle school adaptation for a drug awareness evening. The high school session was a huge success. Could there be a sub-committee created for a middle school event? Penny advised that such an event would have to be widely publicized. Pat offered to contact Constable Jameson and Zoe Watson when the time comes. Dr. Tunde should be contacted and perhaps David Adams. Pat will let the other middle school principals know about this once the ball gets rolling.
5. Amber and Penny were asked about their experiences at the DEC Spring Symposium. They mentioned that they attended some breakout sessions and it was a good opportunity for networking.
6. Pat shared the tentative numbers for September 2017:
Bayside will have 31.2 FTE based on projections. There is currently 537 students on our roster. There will be 13 English homerooms and 8 FI homerooms. The Grade 6 English classes appear to be maxed out. That being said, perhaps another classroom would be added if another student comes. There are currently 4 D teachers who will be in layoff in June. There are 5 teachers considered specialists but only 4.2 positions available. These teachers will be asked to take on more classroom responsibilities. We are scheduled to have 14 EAs and 1 SIW. The librarian will remain at 0.6 (3 days a week) and we've been cut .5 of an administrative assistant leaving us with 1 fulltime equivalent.
7. Pat shared the latest high school registration numbers:

<u>School</u>	<u>1st Choice</u>	<u>2nd Choice</u>
SHS	82	110
St. Mac's	57	44
SJHS	45	30

8. Heather gave an update from the DEC:
 - Still looking for ways to increase parent involvement in ASD-S
 - The DEC is looking at ways to improve the scheduling of Parent-Teacher conferences
 - Policy 409 review has been temporarily halted.
9. Pat gave an update of the latest school events for the month of June.
10. The school calendar for 2017-18 has yet to be released. The District has submitted a proposal that PD be done on selected Wednesday afternoons rather than staggered throughout the year. The District is checking with transportation to see if this is possible.
11. Student fees will hold steady at \$25.00 again for the next school year.
12. Our volleyball seasons have concluded. Our varsity boys were District Champs!
13. Our Cheerleaders were Provincial Champions!
14. Flag Football is currently going on as is rugby.
15. Track and Field tryouts have been going on. The meet is June 8th (Rain Date- June 9th)
16. Over 50 students and staff worked together to produce *A Night at the Wax Museum*. Sharon Lucy and Paul McNutt should be congratulated for their efforts. The students put on 4 performances.
17. Grade 6 classes will be writing provincial assessments in Language Arts, French, Science, and Math from May 29th to June 9th.
18. Jane invited members of the PSSC to participate in *Jogging for Josh*. Proceeds for this go to fund bursaries which honor Josh Gunn. Josh passed away while attending Bayside.
19. Grade 5s from our feeder schools will be invited to attend an orientation day on June 7th. Students will get to see what middle school is all about.
20. Britney Moir was the winner from Bayside of the Turn Around Achievement Award. Britney was one of 19 students from Saint John to be recognized for making improvements over the past few years. Heather noted that this was one of the best events she has attended in her role as a DEC member.
21. Jamie Ross, Grade 6 Science Teacher, and his class were named one of 150 finalists for Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge. Their focus is on finding a solution to improve attendance in schools. They will now make a three minute video on their project to be considered for the next level.
22. Deeann Arnold and Audrey Gagnon have been working with some Grade 8s on developing an App in support of a local food bank. They will present this App at a showcase in Fredericton on June 1st.
23. Pat was asked how the relationship with Kings Church is going. He confirmed that they are excellent tenants and have been very generous by installing equipment in the auditorium. It's been a great partnership so far!
24. Darlene asked about the Community Garden Project. Pat said that there was little interest from parents and the community. It will be revisited in September.
25. It was mentioned that Penny and Darlene would no longer have students attending Bayside in the fall. Thanks for your service on our PSSC! It would be great if remaining members consider being part of the group again in the 2017-18 school year.
26. Jane made a motion to adjourn. Passed and seconded.