

Notes from PSSC Meeting- November 16th/2016

In Attendance- Anne, Jane, Amy, Andrew, Penny, Heather (DEC), Darlene, Amanda, Pat, Amber, David, & Angela.

Absent- Jill L., Jill F., Mark, Kathie, Shannon, & Cindy

1. Jane called the meeting to order.
2. Committee reviewed the notes from October 5th meeting. Motion to pass notes made by Amy and seconded by Anne.
3. Darlene provided information from the PSSC workshop held on October 25th. She mentioned there were divided sessions which focused on the role of parents on the PSSC. Heather was also in attendance at this workshop. The role of the chair was also discussed by DEC Chair, Rob Fowler.
4. Heather was asked to do a DEC update. She mentioned that ASDS has made school sustainability presentations at 7 schools in Saint John. PSSCs and parent groups will now have a chance to respond at future meetings before the DEC makes its final recommendations. The Grade 1 entry point for FI has also been discussed. The DEC has expressed that more research needs to be done before this is implemented. The DEC is also encouraging PSSC members to attend meetings at other schools. Heather also asked the members to provide feedback to her for the 5 ASDS Ends Policies:
 - To demonstrate continuous progress toward provincial targets in literacy, numeracy and science.
 - To provide positive, safe, and inclusive learning and working environments for children, youth and staff.
 - To strengthen engagement of families and foster community partnerships.
 - To provide opportunities for staff to learn about mental health issues in children and youth and to promote school and District wide initiatives that promote mental fitness.
 - The DEC values diversity, safety, and respect in its school communities. The DEC expects all members of the school community to be welcomed, respected, accepted, and supported in every school, and specifically commits to addressing heterosexism within the school community. The DEC recognizes its obligation to adopt appropriate administrative procedures and strategies to ensure respect for human rights, support diversity, and address discrimination.

5. The PSSC asked to have a table available at Parent-Teacher evening and afternoon. Volunteers from the committee will work the table. The following would be available:
 - Information about the role of the PSSC.
 - The role of the school and the community
 - Donations for Staff Appreciation.
 - PBIS messages from parents to students.
 - Magic Board for draw
6. Pat went over the results from the Grade 6 assessment written in June of 2016. The results for the school, district, and province were low:
 - Reading English
 - Province 54%
 - District 55.2%
 - School 50.8%
 - Math
 - Province 20.2%
 - District 22.3%
 - School 15.8%
 - Science
 - Province 20.2%
 - District 24.6%
 - School 18.1%

Discussion ensued about the results and the nature of the assessment.
7. Pat provided some thoughts about the 10 Year Plan. He attended a provincial principals conference where this was the focus. Some thoughts shared:
 - Hopefully this will be a long term commitment and not be scrapped with the election of a new government.
 - Easy to read but very general.
 - Title took some by surprise...**Everyone at Their Best**...feeling is that most of us are doing the best we can...what more can we do?
 - What exact support will be available to schools and families?
 - How will success be measured?
 - The investment in early learning should pay off.
 - Diversity is valued.
 - How will severe behavioral issues be dealt with?
 - Money is the key to this. Where will it come from?

8. The committee looked at the Wellness Survey results. This was conducted last year and the following categories were highlighted:

- Learning
- Social and emotional development
- Participation and engagement
- Healthy lifestyles.
- Safety
- Health status.

For the most part, our students were basically on par with the rest of the province in their responses. The numbers for bullying (verbal and cyber) seemed to be higher for Bayside students. Some discussion ensued about this.

9. Administrator's Report:

- Children's Wish was another great success. We raised over \$26,000.00 to reach a 15 year total of over \$334,000.00. Bayside was recognized as the first ever community champion at a recent gala. Lots of nice publicity for our school!
- Our focus on PBIS has ramped up. Mini lessons are being conducted and rewards are being given to students who display STOMP principles.
- Tunes for Tech will run on Friday, December 16th at 7 pm and Saturday, December 17 at 1 pm and 7 pm. Over 100 students are involved. Funds raised go to the Tech Department.
- The last day for specialties for Term 1 is December 2nd. Students will begin Term 2 specialties on December 5th.
- Student Turkey Dinner will be on December 14th. Cost is \$6.00
- December 23rd is the last day of school before the Christmas Break. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon.
- Bayside will have a lockdown drill in early December. Date to be determined. This is a requirement of our EMO Plan.
- Grade 6 students are writing Math benchmarks in November. The FIs will write in early December. Results of this benchmark will be used for intervention.
- Pat mentioned how wonderful the Remembrance Day ceremony was. Students were at their very best. Congrats to Mark, Paul McNutt, and Sharon Lucy for their roles.
- It is currently badminton season. Tryouts are underway to pick the teams for regional competition. Basketball will start in early January.
- Approximately 50 FI students will be going to Montreal in June and 85 English students have signed up for Quebec City. Payments are made on a monthly basis.
- Arrangements are being made for authors to visit our English Language Arts classes in the Writers in Schools Program.
- The next school dance is Thursday, December 8th.

- Pat explained the reason for the interim home report...changes in the reporting system. A new home report will be rolled out in November of 2017.
- Sharon Lucy will be starting auditions for **Night at the Wax Museum**. This will be our musical production in the spring.

10. David mentioned the budget consultation process and that there will be an opportunity for public input on December 5th at the Delta Beausejour in Moncton at 1:00 pm... There will be no Saint John stop this year.
11. Pat mentioned that he forgot to add PSSC budget on the agenda. He asked the group if he had their permission to start receiving quotes for a stone sign indicating the school's name. This was granted.
12. No further concerns were brought up.
13. Motion to close was called for and seconded.
14. Next meeting is scheduled for January 18th.