

Note from PSSC Meeting – October 5th, 2016

In Attendance: Anne, Jane, Amy, Jill L., Andrew, Jill F., Penny, Heather, Darlene, Amanda, Pat, & Mark

Absent: Amber, Angela, David, Kathie, Shannon, Cindy

1. Committee members were thanked by Pat and Mark for volunteering time and talents to this group. Introductions were made and contact information was given.
2. Jane allowed her name to stand as Chair-Person
Darlene allowed her name to stand as Vice-Chair.
3. Members signed and witnessed PSSC declarations.
4. Pat provided the committee with a Power Point presentation of a description of the PSSC's role in the school.
5. Review of notes from May 25th, 2016. No discussion or questions arose. Motion to pass notes made and seconded.
6. Pat invited the committee, on behalf of Zoe Watson, to the Fall PSSC Workshop being held on Thursday, October 25th at 6:00 pm in the Donaldson Room at Millidgeville North School. Supper will be provided at 6:00 pm followed by a workshop. All PSSC members are welcome to attend.
7. Heather Gillis (in attendance) is the elected DEC member for Bayside School Zone. She mentioned that her role is to represent all 72 schools in ASD-S. There was some discussion of the 7 inter city schools that are being examined. It's not economically efficient to have all of these due to declining enrollment. Talk of a new intercity middle school emerged.
8. The PSSC Budget for 2016-17 is \$1320.00. This based on \$2.40 per child. It has been used to fund the Synervoice talk mail system over the past few years. However, the district made a commitment to cover half of the cost of this service which would free up about \$660.00 for other projects. This money is used to enhance communication with families.
9. Pat extended an invitation to all members to take a tour of the school during a regular day. It would give insight into what constitutes a day in the life of middle school students.
10. Staff Update: Peter Wallace was hired for a grade 6 position after the school year started. Maximum class sizes for Grade 6 English classes were surpassed and another teacher had to be hired. Jennifer Hickey had her time bumped up to .4 due to the addition of the new classroom. Audrey Gagnon (Grade 8 FI) and Karolyn Hills (grade 7 and Art) were also welcomed to our staff. Kevin Dixon retired last June. Jennifer Scott, Jennifer Shannon, Tomalyn Young were all bumped but have received contracts elsewhere. Gina Fifield accepted a VP position at PES.
11. Facilities Update- Two new flag poles were installed on the front lawn, gym received new lighting, some rooms received new coats of paint.

12. School Profile as of September 30th:

- 552 students (-12 from last year) 2.0 Phys. Ed Teachers
- 32.4 teachers 2.0 fulltime administrators
- 11 educational assistants 1 School Intervention Worker
- .6 librarian
- 3 resource teachers
- 1 guidance counselor
- 1.5 admin assistants
- .8 music teacher
- .8 art teacher
- .8 tech teacher
- It was noted that Bayside was not assigned any international students this year (Syrians, Columbians, etc.)

13. Children's Wish Walk- Bayside will have the 15th annual Walk for Kaitlin on the afternoon of October 20th. Our goal is \$20,000.00. This will surpass \$325,000.00 collected in 15 years. The walk will also be a drill of our emergency evacuation route. Jane mentioned the Josh Gunn Memorial Hockey game being played on October 7th. Some of proceeds from this game will go towards Children's Wish.

14. Pat asked for feedback regarding Meet the Teacher Night held on September 20th. The committee was polled to see if teachers did contact them by phone to invite them to this event and if teachers included an academic component during the visits. Pat also asked if parents had a chance to visit specialty teachers.

15. PBIS- Pat and Mark gave an update on Bayside's PBIS initiative. This will be Year 2 of this behavior strategy. Students will have lessons on STOMP (Success, Teamwork, Ownership, Motivation, and Preparedness) starting in late October and will receive rewards for displaying these principles.

16. School Activity Update:

- The cheerleading team has been selected and will begin regular practices (thankfully people stepped up as this program was in jeopardy)
- Cross Country team has begun competitive season
- The boys (Varsity and JV) and girls soccer teams have begun their seasons
- Robot Science is being offered again this year with 12 participants involved.
- Sharon Lucy is offering Senior Band, Beginner Band, and Choir
- The school musical has yet to be revealed...stay tuned.
- UNBSJ Partnership started in late September. Each month, five of our Grade 8 students will visit UNBSJ for a morning to get a taste of university life. Penny mentioned that Mount Allison does a similar program in the spring.
- Community Health will be offering a cooking program for selected students beginning on Wednesday, October 19th. This is a six week program.
- Plans are being made for a community garden to be made at the end of our sports field in the spring.

17. Upcoming Events-:

- School PD days on October 6th and 7th. This will be in conjunction with Thanksgiving Monday on October 10th...extended long weekend for the students.
- Planning has begun for school trips in June. Grade 7 & 8 English to Quebec City and Grade 8 FI to Montreal.
- Bayside has been adopted by Coles Brunswick Square for the Indigo Adopt a School Program. This campaign will go to October 7th. Our school benefitted greatly last year when we received a grant for over \$7000.00.
- Children's Wish Walk is on October 20th.
- Grade 7 Immunization Day is October 26th- Girls will receive needles for HPV and DPT. Boys will receive a booster for DPT with parent consent.
- School Talent Show will be on October 20th (evening).
- Bus Safety Day will be October 20th (am)
- Grade 8 Picnic in the Park will be on the afternoon of October 21st.

18. Committee members were given a copy of *Everyone at Their Best*. This is the new 10 year plan for education. Members were asked to read this document for discussion at the November meeting.

19. Pat referenced *Attendance Matters* initiative and how the District is continuing to conduct a campaign to stress the importance of being punctual and present. Teachers are to contact home after 5 days absent and an official letter is sent home after 10 days missed. A meeting with parents is to be held after 15 days absent. This is now an official provincial policy.

20. Items from the Committee:

- Andrew mentioned that he heard how nice our Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony was last June. Pat said he would pass this along to the organizers.
- Penny mentioned the focus on Mental Health. This is one of the major components of the Improvement Plans of the Province, District, and School.
- Andrew asked about the SJHS students who share our school. Pat and Mark explained how this worked and our expectations for these students.
- Heather asked about bus issues...specifically St. Martin's students. Pat mentioned that the Transportation Department had resolved the glitches.
- Heather asked about the timeline for placement of the new teacher. Pat mentioned that a supply teacher was in place before it was advertised to be filled by an unrecalled D Contract. This took about 6 school days to be finalized.
- Penny asked if some money could be used for better signage. It would be nice to have a nice sign on the lawn indicating our school's name.

21. Some members serve on other PSSCs as well. Meeting dates are often in conflict. Dates for the remaining meetings will be:

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| November 16 | March 22 |
| January 18 | April 19 |
| February 8 th | May 24 |

22. Next meeting is scheduled for November 16th 6:00 pm.

23. Motion made and seconded to close the meeting