PSSC Notes- November 17th, 2021

Present-Heather (DEC), Jaclyn, Shauna, Christina, Jill, Stephen, Melanie, Tiffany, Amy, Pat, Tanya, Ann

Regrets-Amanda, Angela

Resigned- Debbie Garnett

1. Call to Order- Shauna called the meeting to order. Even though parking was at a premium (300 CUPE members were in the auditorium), attendance at PSSC meeting was very good.
2. Review of Notes from October 20th meeting. - Notes were reviewed and no questions or concerns emerged. Motion to pass made by Steve and seconded by Melanie.
3. DEC Update- Heather- DEC spent a great deal of time discussing recent CUPE job action. A DEC Policies Committee has been established to review the many policies.
4. Home Reports and Virtual Parent-Teacher Meetings-Home reports will be issued on Monday, November 29th. Virtual Parent-Teacher meetings will be Thursday, December 2nd (4-7 pm) and Friday, December 3rd (9-11am). The link to make appointments has been sent out. Teachers will be engaged in Professional Learning the afternoon of December 3rd.
5. STOMP Update- Focus is on teamwork. Classes have been invited to create team names and decorate doors reflecting their names. Weekly prizes will be awarded based on STOMP tickets. Philanthropy challenge ends on November 30th. Classes are invited to conduct a fundraiser for Children’s Wish.
6. PSSC Budget- $1435.00- Brainstorming of ideas. The Committee voted to dedicate $250.00 to continue the tradition of mailing information letters to incoming Grade 6 students in the Spring of 2022. The remaining funds ($1185.00) would help pay for the new sign gracing the front of the school. Pat said this would help offset the overall cost of the sign ($2750.00 price). The balance for the sign would be made by using school funds such as rentals, cafeteria revenue, vending machine revenues.
7. School Improvement Planning- Amy
* Data will be used to make more informed decisions regarding SIP
* Goals will be more defined.
* An initiative of the Core Leadership Team
* Sources will include Provincial Assessment results, Power School Data, Student Perception Data, Teacher Perception Data, past SIPs.
* This plan will help identify what is going well and the areas of struggle.
* January 7th Professional Learning Day will see staff focus on the plan.
* The plan will be refined yearly.
* It will be shared with PSSC
* References made to Loch Lomond’s SIP. That school underwent the process last year.
1. Bayside during On-line Learning- Tiffany
* Varied success from class to class
* Several reasons for students/parents not participating
* First real run through – no major Covid cases have affected our school.
* Teachers found they were learning as they go.
* Many students not experienced or skilled with the technology.
* Committee members were complimentary of Bayside’s efforts.
* Although some kids were on-line, were they really engaged?
* Bayside’s schedule seemed to be well structured.
* Overall, this experience was good preparation if/when future closures occur.
* Discussion of how on-line learning does not benefit some students with exceptional needs.
* Discussion of how some concepts taught on-line will have to be retaught when in-person learning resumes.
1. Concerns from the Committee
* Discussion of a welcoming video for new students similar to what high schools do.
* Melanie mentioned PSSC Facebook now has about 200 followers.
* Some discussion surrounding Covid and contact tracing
* Cafeteria Status- closed as there are no employees. Christina mentioned she may no an interested person. Could the District advertise? Melanie placed ad on Facebook.
1. Next Meeting January 19th
2. Call to Close `