

## PSSC Agenda- January 9th/2019

Present: Kathy, Anne, Jodie, Pusmpdeep, Jason, Tammy, Amy, Pat, Mark, Lynn, Kathie, David, Angela, Charmaine, Ann.

Regrets: Stephen, Aimee, Heather (DEC)

### 1. Call to Order

Pat chaired the meeting in Stephen's absence and called the meeting to order.

### 2. Review of Notes from last meeting- November 14<sup>th</sup>/2018

- Pat mentioned the meeting scheduled on December 5<sup>th</sup>/18 was postponed due to lack of members being able to attend.
- \$171.00 was raised on Parent-Teacher Days to go towards Staff Appreciation Week
- Policy 711 has been somewhat relaxed (reintroduction of chocolate milk and fruit juice. Vending machines have been restocked.)
- Motion made by Kathie to pass the notes and seconded by Jodie.

### 3. Review of Parent-Teacher Format

Schools and Ed Centres seem to be all over the place when it comes to the time of day for parent-teacher conferences. Traditionally Bayside has used the afternoon for these meetings and held Professional Learning in the morning. Other schools vice-versa. Pat asked the committee to consider going with Parent-Teacher in the morning. Motion was made by Jason to try this in April and seconded by Anne. The majority of the committee voted to try the morning meetings.

### 4. Items for Grade 5 Orientation Package

Mark presented a pamphlet that was previously used. It was felt that school supplies should be included, Twitter Address, locker usage, etc. These welcome packages will be sent out once we receive the mailing addresses of our incoming Grade 5s.

## 5. Building Update

The new drainage system has been completed. Traffic and bus patterns resume to normal.

The yellow visibility lines have been repainted to assist our students with vision impairments.

Mouse traps were placed throughout the building over the break with hopes of reducing the pest population. It was reported that 4 were caught.

A request was made to have a *Do Not Enter* sign erected at the Courtney Bay exit. This is necessitated by poor driver choices and winter weather. Pat committed to order this sign.

## 6. Overview of School Improvement Plan

Pat gave a presentation of PSSC's role in the School Improvement Plan. The most important item is that the plan accounts for the needs of all students. Pat also went over the components of the plan and mentioned that it will be referred to often. David asked if SIP had space for Facilities Improvement. Pat mentioned that this is not a part of the SIP and that work orders have to be submitted to upgrade facilities.

## 7. Ideas for Spring Presentation.

Anne was in touch with Mental Health. They gave her several presentation options. The Committee agreed that the focus should be on teen anxiety and mindfulness. Anne will go back and confirm topic and date. Jason mentioned he would contact ISD to see what they have available. The plan is to divide students in half and have two separate presentations. Grade 6s will attend one session and the 7s and 8s will attend the other.

## 8. Staff Appreciation Week

February 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Pat suggested a sub-committee be created to organize. Kathie offered to help in this capacity.

## 9. Principal's Report

### - STOMP Rewards

The most recent reward was on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Over 500 students attended a showing of *Christmas Chronicles*. They were able to attend as they consistently demonstrated teamwork.

Mark took 70 students to *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* on December 17<sup>th</sup>. These students were chosen due to their contributions to the school.

The next reward is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>. We have booked a bilingual magic show. The STOMP focus will be Ownership for behaviour. Weekly STOMP draws continue.

- **Staffing Changes**

Francoise Cochenec has taken a deferred leave over the last 6 months of school. She is replaced by Katie Ferrar who will be leaving a Grade 8 position. Aimee Creamer was hired to replace Katie. Kathleen Fullerton will officially retire on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Jacob Long is currently replacing her. Ashley Salassee has joined our EA staff.

- **Sports Updates**

Many of the players went on to Regional Badminton Tournaments. Many finished in top three.

It is now basketball season. The boys and girls teams have been selected. Season starts next week.

Cheerleaders practice every week. Competitions start in the spring.

Pat shared that he assumed Rugby would go to a touch format.

Currently looking for a qualified coach.

- **January 28<sup>th</sup>**

This is a Professional Learning Day. There will be no school for the kids this day.

- **Concussion Protocol**

The District has drafted a concussion protocol where teachers work with doctors, nurse practitioners, and physiotherapists to determine when concussed students can return to learn and actively participate in physical activities. More details to come.

- **Co-Curricular Trip Policy**

Pat mentioned that there have been a few behavioural issues on recent field trips. The offenders made a point purposely to misbehave.

Teachers want to develop a policy where this could be prevented. The

Core Leadership is currently piloting a policy. Jason asked Pat if this

could be sent to the Committee prior to the next meeting and discussion

can ensue. Is there an obligation to larger community when planning

these trips? Parents need to know what alternative plans will be. Can a parent chaperone attend if there are concerns? An EA?

- Writers In Schools

Local writer, Susan White, will conduct a workshop with 23 selected students on January 17<sup>th</sup>. She will discuss the writing process using her novels as models.

10. Concerns from Committee

Pat was asked if it would be possible to have the Risky Behaviour presentation, sponsored by It Takes a Village, given to high school parents for middle school parents. He mentioned that the same presenter was booked to address our Grade 8s and that he would ask if she could come for a parent only session some evening.

11. Call to Close

Motion made and passed.

12. Next Meeting- February 6th/2019