

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Notes from PSSC Meeting October 18th, 2017

Present: Anne, David, Andrew, Jason, Tammy, Francis, Pat, Mark, Amy M., Amber, Bill, and Heather (DEC)

Regrets: Kathy, Lesli, Jill, Amy P., Jane, Angela, Amanda, Kathie

1. Andrew called the meeting to order.
2. Review of notes from meeting on September 27, 2017. Motion made by Jason to pass notes and seconded by David.
3. Tammy, Andrew, and Bill volunteered to attend the PSSC Orientation Evening on October 25th.
4. Heather provided a DEC update
 - Heather was asked about the length of time of response from transportation department. She said the time is less than one week.
 - Pat mentioned half day professional learning would be on October 25th. He was looking for improvement in the time for bus pick up. Heather mentioned that the DEC spoke about this and that Bayside is one of few schools that saw room for improvement.
 - Rentals are to be split 50/50 between the school and district.
 - Policy 409 continues to be in the forefront with discussions of a new K-8 school in the South End. Consultations will begin on November 21st.
5. PSSC will have an info table during parent-teacher conferences (November 23rd and 24th). The plan is to ask for donations for Staff Appreciation Week. Volunteers will also be needed for Scholastic Book Fair and to coordinate the PBIS messages from parents to children. Heather, Amy, Andrew, Bill, Amber, and Francis all committed to help with Staff Appreciation Week. Other points:
 - PSSC is keen to help out with Staff Appreciation. Perhaps scratch tickets could be sold during parent-teacher to raise funds
 - Bill offered to build a garbage bin to be raffled off.
 - Francis offered to provide paper for the tickets.
6. Pat asked committee to consider using the PSSC budget to purchase a new sign for front of the school. Jason made the motion and Amy seconded it. Pat will ask Jack from Wilkins' Signs to proceed with a design.

7. Plans are starting to solidify for a Drug Awareness Presentation sponsored by Bayside PSSC.
 - March 21st is the chosen date
 - Pat will contact the police to see if a representative can present
 - Pat will contact David Adams to see if he will present
 - Jason will contact Portage
 - Kathy Dumachelle may be invited.
 - TADD involvement?
 - Dr. Trunde?
 - Pat will share this with other middle school principals so that they can inform their PSSCs.
 - Both parents and children should be invited.
8. Discussion ensued about the new morning drop off routine. Although Pat said it has been well received, there is certainly room for improvement. David is right in saying that chosen behaviors on the part of some adults could be considered dangerous driving. Perhaps the police could witness this and issue tickets.
9. Children's Wish Campaign wraps up on October 19th with the annual Walk for Kaitlyn. Our goal is \$20,000.00.
10. Our PBIS initiative continues with STOMP rewards and lessons. Students will revisit STOMP on October 31st with lessons on each letter of the acronym.
11. Mark mentioned the annual Remembrance Day assembly which will take place on the morning of November 10th.
12. Soccer season is winding down. Cross country has concluded. Cheerleading team has been selected and will continue weekly practices until competitive season starts in the spring.
13. Twenty-four students will be selected to work with local author, Susan White, on November 16th as part of the Writers in Schools Program.
14. Teachers have been receiving professional learning on how to develop the new home reports. Assessments will be given on a scale of 1-4. The new middle school report resembles closely to elementary reports. ASDS is the last district in New Brunswick to implement the new report.
15. A committee was formed on October 16th to plan a community garden. Hopefully, a portion of the back field will be tilled soon to prepare the ground for spring planting. Horizon Health and the Saint John Fire Department will partner with Bayside with this project.
16. October 25th is a half day for students. Staff will be doing professional learning in the afternoon with the focus on home reports and de-escalating strategies.
17. Sports Hall of Famers Danny Grant, Monica Hitchcock, and Marc Pepin will be visiting Bayside on the morning of October 25th to promote the Sports Ambassadors Tour. Each class will have chance to visit with one of these presenters.

18. Grade 7 students receiving consent will participate in an immunization clinic on October 26th. Both boys and girls will receive their 12 year booster in addition to a vaccine to fight HPV.
19. One hundred Bayside students have been selected to attend the Canada 150 celebration at Harbour Station on October 26th.
20. David mentioned the pre-budget consultations happening at the Lily Lake Pavilion on October 30th at 6:30 pm.
21. Mark spoke about a proposal for teachers to purchase all needed school supplies for students. For a cost of \$25.00, all items needed will be ready for students in September. This would only be for those who willingly participate. Our Leadership Committee is looking to get feedback from Staples.
22. Next Meeting is scheduled for November 22nd at 6:00 pm. Pat mentioned that he would like to offer a tour of the new Maker Space Lab during this meeting.
23. Andrew made call to close the meeting. Motion made by Amy and seconded by Francis.