

# BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Notes from PSSC Meeting September 27, 2017

Present: Anne, Jane, David, Andrew, Angela, Amanda, Kathie, Jason, Tammy, Francis, Pat, Mark, Heather (DEC)

Regrets: Kathy, Lesli, Jill, Amy M., Amber, Amy P., Bill

1. Members were introduced and contact information was verified.
2. Andrew accepted the role as Chairperson and Tammy will be Vice-Chair.
3. Pat offered to take notes. Andrew asked if this could be done using Bayside letterhead. Pat agreed to do so.
4. Pat shared a hand out detailing the roles of the PSSC.
5. Members signed and witnessed declarations in which they agreed to uphold their roles as described in the *Education Act*.
6. Review of notes from meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Points brought up:
  - Kathie asked about final numbers for high school. Pat mentioned that he did not receive anything beyond the April numbers and that movement takes place over the summer. Students will stay at assigned high school after September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kathie asked about the App for Food for Gratitude. Pat committed to follow up with Deeann Arnold to check on status.
7. Members are invited to a PSSC Orientation evening on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with supper at 5:30 pm and sessions after 6:00pm. Pat will be asking for the number of members attending.
8. Heather Gillis from the DEC was introduced and shared some of the recent items discussed at DEC.
  - 409 Update- Auditors have suggested the closure of SJTB-King Edward and Prince Charles Schools in favor of a new K-8 school to be built in the South End. More consultation will take place in October.
9. The budget for PSSC is \$1324.80. This is to be used for better communication with parents. Pat asked the group to think of some ideas for the next meeting.
10. Pat invited members to arrange for a school tour during a typical school day. Those that have done this in the past found it enlightening.
11. Pat provided a staff update:
  - Jennifer Hickey is now here fulltime as opposed to .4 last year.
  - Kathleen Fullerton is on Deferred Leave and is being replaced by April Adams. April was hired in mid- September as our student population grew.
  - Malorie Dobbin and Abby Power were hired as .2 teachers
  - Angela Little has left for Loch Lomond School and is replaced by Lisa Griffin
12. Pat provided a facilities update:
  - 10 windows facing Courtenay Ave were replaced over the summer.
  - Many tiles were replaced in order to meet codes as they relate to asbestos



20. The committee was informed that the ASDS initiative. *Attendance Matters*, is continuing this school year. This is an effort to promote student attendance by emphasizing the relationship between future success and good attendance,

21. Other topics discussed :

- When asked about the half day on September 20<sup>th</sup>, Pat admitted there were some issues with transportation. There also seemed to a larger amount of students absent during the morning. Some discussion ensued about students being either tired of wound up the next day. These issues will be looked at during the October 25<sup>th</sup> half day. Heather offered her clarification as to what the DEC's view of these days were intended for....time for collaboration with peers to prepare for new assessment methodology for new home reports.
- The rentals policy was brought up by Andrew. He was concerned that rentals have been taken out of the hands of schools and being run by the District. There appears to be less revenue going to schools. Comments were made about the denial of rentals over Christmas and March Break.
- Andrew asked about the cost of the school trip in comparison to another school. Pat mentioned that there may be a greater cost as little fund raising is done above and beyond the cost. Costs of chaperones and supply teachers also has to be considered.
- Jason commented on the nice transition for his son from St. Martin's to Bayside.
- Pat asked for the support of PSSC members with the Book Fair scheduled to be November and with fundraising for Staff Appreciation Week (on Amber's behalf).

22. Future Meetings: Meetings are 6:00 pm in library

- October 18
- November 22
- January 24<sup>th</sup>
- February 21<sup>st</sup>
- March 21<sup>st</sup>
- April 18<sup>th</sup>
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>

23. Motion made to close meeting.