

PSSC Agenda- September 18, 2019

Present: Lynn, Aimee, Angela, Charmaine, Ann, Kathie, Jason, Melanie, Shauna, Heather (DEC), Amy (VP), Tiffany (Teacher Rep), Pat (Principal).

Regrets: Kathy, Jodie, Pusmpdeep, Stephen, Tammy, Jaclyn

1. Introduction of members and collection of contact information

Members introduced themselves and were asked to confirm contact information is accurate.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Jason was nominated and selected as Chair and Melanie was nominated and selected as Vice-Chair.

3. Signing of Declaration

Members were asked to sign and witness a declaration indicating they understand and are ready to fulfil the responsibilities of being a PSSC member.

4. Description of PSSC's role- Hand Out

Members were provided with a list of what is and what isn't entailed of PSSC.

5. Review of Notes from May 29, 2019

Notes from last meeting (May 29/19) were reviewed and no questions ensued. Motion made to pass notes by Charmaine and seconded by Angela.

6. PSSC Orientation Evening October 1

Heather informed committee that the DEC is sponsoring an orientation evening on October 1st beginning at 5:30 pm. A light supper will be served, and an information fair will be set up. This will be followed by a presentation outlining how PSSCs work. Pat requested that those interested in attending contact him so that he can let organizers know.

7. DEC Member- Heather Gillis

Heather mentioned that DEC is still advocating for a new K-8 school for the South End (Policy 409). A motion has been made to revisit closing Morna Heights School. DEC rejected the budget due to shortcoming of funds to hire EAs.

8. PSSC Budget

Heather informed the group that it has \$1384.80. Pat reminded group that these funds are earmarked to enhance communication with families. Some ideas surfaced such as a fountain to fill water bottles, a campaign to focus on vaping, and providing students with a letter over the summer outlining first day information. Pat asked the group to continue thinking of possible ideas and this will be brought up again at October's meeting.

9. School Tours upon request

Pat offered to take members on individual tours of the school during a typical school day. Some members have taken him up on this in the past.

10. Staff Update

The school has 35.2 teachers and 19 EAs. Pat does not expect this to change due to our increased student population. Currently, Alain Manuel (PE Teacher) is out on sick leave, Deeann Arnold (Tech Teacher) is recovering from surgery, Patti Daley (EA) is also recovering from surgery. Supply teachers and a casual EA have been covering them.

11. Facilities Update

New windows were installed over the summer in classrooms facing Courtenay Avenue. The former metal shop has been cleaned up and will soon house a computer lab. The basement will now be the locations for the Maker Space, Behavior Specialist, School Intervention Worker, and Guidance Centre.

12. School profile as of September 30

School has 592 students (up 20 from last year). There are 15 English homerooms and 8 French Immersion classes. There has been an increase in international students attending Bayside.

13. New School Policies and Procedures

Pat and Amy commented on the operational changes introduced this school year. All classes are 60-minute blocks with 5-minute breaks in between. Lunch hours are now divided with one group in the cafeteria for 30 minutes while the other group is outside and then vice versa. There is a 5-minute homeroom period at the end of the day. This makes for a more orderly dismissal for buses. The new electronics policy has been successful with the overwhelming majority of students abiding by it. Some discussion ensued.

14. Consent and Risky Behaviours Presentation- September 26th

Pat thanked the committee for getting the word out about this. Heather offered to donate coffee and Jason was asked to send greetings on behalf of the group. This presentation is an initiative of the Bayside PSSC.

15. Children's' Wish Walk

The annual walk will take place on October 10th. There will be a kick-off assembly on September 30th. Those who wish to fundraise will be given a consent form for parents to sign. Our goal will be \$20,000.00 and this would get us close to \$400,000.00 raised over the past 18 years.

16. Feedback from Open House on September 12th.

Committee would like to see a more formal approach to this. Some teachers were very structured while others were casual. Perhaps teachers should all be doing the same thing.

17. PBIS

STOMP is entering its fifth year at Bayside. The focus will continue to be recognizing positive behavior in the classroom, hallways, and school grounds. Rewards for this good behavior will be rolled out soon. Amy mentioned the Renaissance Learning Series and how the lessons could be used to assist with STOMP. A suggestion was made that a student committee be formed to help with STOMP.

18. Current Events

- Cheerleaders will be holding tryouts over the next two weeks
- The Cross-Country Team continues to participate in invitational meets.
- The boys and girls soccer teams have begun their seasons.
- Robo Science has been postponed until after Christmas due to scheduling conflicts.
- Sharon Lucy has begun beginner and senior bands. She and Ms. Creamer have also begun choir practices.
- Interested classes (Health and Science) have been assisting with the Community Garden (A partnership with Horizon Health).

19. Upcoming Events

- Grade 7 Immunization Clinic- HPV and 12-year booster for all boys and girls with parent consent on October 8th.
- First dance is on October 10th (might not have been mentioned at meeting)
- Harvey Studios will do picture retakes on October 15th.
- School Bus Safety Clinic will be October 17th.

20. SIP Focus

- Cashless Schools- an attempt to reduce amount of cash sent to schools.
- Policy 711- Healthy Eating Policy- cafeteria food, vending machines, school celebrations and rewards,
- Concussion Management- protocol if student is concussed.
- Allergies and Anaphylaxis- students trained to recognize and respect allergies and how to use an EPI-Pen.
- Building GSA Capacity- Bayside has a GSA and will continue initiatives to address homophobia.
- Attendance Matters- the relationship between good attendance and academic success. Safe Arrival will also be introduced this year.

21. Concerns from Committee

Nothing brought forward

22. Next Meeting (s)?

Bayside PSSC will meet:

October 23rd

November 27th

January 22nd

February 26th

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th