

JMA Armstrong High School/ Salisbury Middle School

PSSC Minutes

April 13th, 2016

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	William Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela Cameron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Hansen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Gallant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meredith Kidney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roberta Brewer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Juliet Jones-Vienneau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mindy Melanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Legacé
<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela Thornton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronda McCready	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paula Colpitts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theresa Gogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renée Poitras

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Jason Gallant.
 - a. Quorum was not established
2. Business arising from the minutes - Many members could not attend due to other commitments.
 - *Changing Minds*: Training sessions to raise awareness and knowledge amongst members of staff with reference to mental health have been completed.
3. New Business:
 - a. CO-OP Education at JMAAHS – This program benefits each and every student no matter their interests. The purpose of this program is to give students practical hands-on experience whether it is in a trade or an office setting. Students are matched to the employer based on interests and skills. Prior to starting their work placement, students cover topics such as employable skills, workplace health and safety, and self-awareness/personality assessment/ demographics. Once students start their work placement, they work during each afternoon for 2-3 hours. Teacher visitations occurs periodically to perform observations, safety checks, and address areas of concern. Students are assessed based on their employer feedback and an in-class presentation based on their experiences.
 - b. Security protocols update – The goal is to keep parents informed as much as possible. In future the intention is to also send out a written message rather than simply a voice message.

- c. “Making Number Talks Matter” and math interventions – Some SMS/JMA teachers have been participated in a book study which focuses on helping students improve their reasoning skills and confidence in Math. These teachers have been implementing these activities and have been seeing improvement in their classes.
 - RTI (Response to Intervention) – Grade 9 teachers have received training and resources to help assess students and determine their strength and weaknesses in Math. These resources also help students improve their understanding in these areas.
 - d. iPads for grades 5 and 6 were deployed this week. All grade 5 and 6 teachers have been and will continue to receive training. All courses have been entered into iTunes U and teachers will be including their lessons. Students are being taught about technological security and protection.
4. Principal’s Report: Mr. Robinson provided a handout of his report.
 5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 by Jason Gallant. The next meeting will be held on May 25th, 2016.