

PSSC MEETING

DEC 13, 2017

MINUTES

7:10 pm

In attendance: Agnes Koller, Christina DeHaas, Michelle (DEC Representative), Barb Clayton, Heather Dixon, Samantha Wood-Hicks, Andrew Wilson, Rachelle Kingsler. Absent: Marjorie Doherty

Agenda & Minutes approved as presented

Business items:

- School data

Report card data: The province has provided 2 charts with collated data from the report cards. One chart contains Marshview info, the second chart includes all schools in the district. Heather has color coded the charts by marks (1s are red, 2s are yellow, etc.) as well as behavior. This will allow the teams to identify areas to target for improvement. The charts will be distributed to teachers shortly and discussed after the Christmas break.

“Our School” survey (previously “Tell them from me”): The survey is done every two years with all grade levels participating. The survey focus is on school climate and culture. Heather reminded students of the importance of taking it seriously as improvements to the school climate come from these surveys, their voices are heard. Once the results are in, the information will be displayed on bulletin boards with the intent of encouraging student engagement.

- Review SIP

The English and Math teams put in proposals for curriculum support. They have both been approved for mentors. Celine has been hired/assigned and is available to help with every math teacher’s class. English has received approval for support but no one has been hired/assigned yet.

Heather spoke with Yvon from the district about renovating the science lab and creating maker spaces so students could have their science classes in the lab to allow for more hands-on learning.

PLWEP – The next steps will come from the results of the “our school” survey

Mental health initiatives

Ring a bell for Mental Health, and informative announcements were made to raise awareness of the importance of mental health. There were compliments signs greeting students as they came off the bus in the morning. This was met with strange looks at first but by the afternoon, the kids were into it as well. Other initiatives offered include Yoga at lunch, conversation starters in the cafeteria and Molly the therapy dog.

- Integrated Service Delivery

Sackville has been separated from Rexton so we now have our own child & youth team and the co-ordinator, Ashley Broderick, is local.

- New Pedagogies for Deep Learning

There was training offered on Nov. 22-23 and Marshview had 5 staff attend, including a representative from each grade level (5CPW, 6AL, 7KH, 8SWH) and Heather. It is very exciting,

and the goal is to have NDPL for the entire school, however there are some hiccups. It is difficult to attempt/achieve NDPL goals while still fulfilling the current curriculum which is not very flexible. The curriculums are currently being looked at keeping this in mind. Ontario includes NDPL on the report cards and Agnes suggested that Heather touch base with Riverview High School. They have been doing NPDL for six years offering essentials and extensions.

- Community Conversation regarding Cyber Safety

There was an information session on cyber safety presented on Nov 28, following an incident at the school. This presentation was offered by JF Leblanc, the RCMP Community Program Officer, Brian Butler, retired RCMP and consultant for the province, and Theresa Theriault, Public Health Nurse. The attendance was small but those present agreed to share the information. There will be more parent meetings in the future; one they are looking into is MADD.

- School Food Security

The school recently won a \$10 000 grant from the Rotary club for the breakfast program. Heather will be meeting with Laura Reinsborough, NB Food Security Network Director to discuss how to bring in healthier options.

The school is still providing Blessings in a Backpack, which are backpacks filled with snacks for the weekend for 14 Marshview students.

The food made by kids in Tech class is now being used for the breakfast program. Ie muffins, pancakes.

- Parent Teacher Interview Feedback

Numbers for the interviews were down this year. One parent expressed frustration with the wait times, but it is unsure if this is the reason the numbers were down. It could also be because the parents feel better informed with school newsletters and e-mail communication from the teachers, so they do not feel the need to come to the interviews. Heather has asked PSSC members to seek feedback from other parents, as they are open to other ideas. Possibly set time limits, or more convenient times.

Other Business:

- Sackville 20/20 updates

Andrew shared his experience in Boston visiting some schools while he was in the area. It all sounds very exciting with the possibility of partnering with Harvard University. At this point, the Sackville 20/20 project is still at the information gathering stage. The Ernst Young debrief which was originally slated to be before Christmas, will come later as the District has not had time to review it yet.

Agnes added that there is a presentation by Marc-Allain from the Carrefour Beausoleil in Miramichi which is happening Tuesday am.

Adjourned at 8:19 pm

SIP-School Improvement Plan

PLWEP-Positive Learning and Working Environment P?

ISD-Integrated Service Delivery

NPDL-New Pedagogies for Deeper Learning