

SRHS Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

November 14, 2023

Attendees: Lori-Ann Lauridsen (Principal), Joan Babineau, Sarah McClelland, Mindy McCandless, Christina Douglas, Vicky Thomas, Julia Mitton, Andrea McAllister, Cara Seeley, Vanessa Coggan, Mary McNair

Regrets: Lara Robnson, Beth Nixon, Janet Colpitts, Judy Freeze

Chair: Andrea McAllister

Notes: Joan Babineau

TOPIC	DETAILS/DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS
Welcome	Andrea welcomed the PSSC members.	
New Business		
Open Meeting	Call to order 6:30 pm	
Paperwork	Andrea reminded members that to volunteer all paperwork would need to be completed and turned into the office.	
Student Council Report	Lori Ann said the student council is working on a video and it will be presented next meeting.	
Principal's Report	<p>a. School Improvement Plan/EECD School Survey Lori Ann Handed out the results of a 'Youth Check In' survey from the Fall of 2023. It will be done again at this school. Members were given a chance to look over the survey results. 267 participants in the survey from SRHS Any given day we have approximately 500 to 550 students in the building. For the provincial comparisons, we were lower than the provincial average. Overall students recognize that their mental health is not good. We do have two fulltime guidance counsellors – semester 1 Mrs. Douglas is 0.8 but will be 1.0 Semester 2 and they are needed. The Sonic Seminar class is a place for students to connect with an adult in the building. For the most part students stay with the same teacher for the four years.</p> <p>b. Student Improvement Plan (SIP) – focus area: Behaviour (Students feeling safe at school). Staff are focusing on improving behaviours related to bullying, especially cyberbullying. Need a way for students to report bullying incidents without going to the office. 24% of Incidents in PowerSchool in September were related to bullying. How to combat or reduce bullying? Focus groups– anonymous reporting</p>	

	(online form) – information on bullying shared with staff, students, families. Discussion on bullying and defining what bully actually is ensued.	
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSSC has a budget of \$1644 • Parameters of what items are eligible expenses can be found in resource material provided. • Decision required by December 2023 • Wellness Expo suggested. • Speaker was suggested. • An email from Janet Colpitts suggested the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -would there be something that is needed for culinary (appliance for example) that would serve culinary and also the school breakfast program? -portable AED for school sporting events that are "away games/sports" or for sports such as softball/football that are outside and may not have immediate access to an AED if someone is in cardiac arrest. -first aid kits/supplies for sports teams? -Are there any supplies needed for outdoor pursuits? • Discussion around having the students create kindness posters. In order to do this we could use the large format printer. 	<p>Joan will investigate the cost of paper ink and laminate.</p> <p>Lori-Ann will send out the costs, once Joan does the investigation for the cost</p>
Volunteers at SRHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidential Dinner December 22 – Lori Ann would like to surprise the staff with a Christmas Dinner on the afternoon of December 22. She is looking for help with the purchasing, preparing, and serving. • Stacey Stairs has asked for volunteers for breakfast the week of exams Jan 22 to 26 and a school wide Christmas dinner. • Volunteers will be needed to during DTC and to distribute school clothing when it arrives. • TSAW is February 12-16 	Andrea said she would investigate some options.
Next Meeting date	February 6, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30pm	Members to submit an agenda items to Andrea
Adjournment	7:48 pm	