

Sussex Regional High School PSSC Minutes as prepared by Amy Dow, for the meeting presented on October 8th 2019. Meeting commenced at 6:15pm with the following members in attendance: Lori-Ann Lauridsen (Principal), Carol Green (Chair), Lory-Ann MacAskill (DEC rep), Joan Babineau, Tammy Scott-Wallace, Amy Dow, Sara Powning, Crista Vail, Christine Matthews, Shelby Dunfield & Noah Gibbons Salib (Student Representatives)

Upcoming Meetings:

November 19th 2019 @ 7pm

February 18th 2020 @ 7pm

May 20th 2020 @6pm

Student Leadership as presented by both Noah & Shelby:

- An \$88,000 grant was pursued by Mrs. Stacey Stairs and granted by the Brewer Assoc. of Fredericton. This money is to be used to provide the resources necessary for a daily breakfast program and a projection of 3 Lunch meals/ week. The money is to be dispersed between SRHS, SMS and PALS with approximately 28-30,000 going to the SMS. The Grant is an isolated fund and the moneys must be used within this academic year. There is a potential to also use the funds to issue “BackPack” Programs in which food would be sent home to children for weekend use. The culinary class within SRHS are involved in the meal preparations which include such things as Quiche, muffins, fresh fruit etc. The topic of future sustainability will need to be broached for subsequent years.
- Collection of the \$30 Student Fees has been met with low success, standing at approximately 18% of all funds collected to date. The Student Fee requirement is posted on various social media sites, cashless online, emails etc. What would increase success of payment for these Fees?
- Yearbook sales sit at about 50% with 125 books paid for.
- Spirit Days have been a success this year so far with various themed days: Blue Day (Matthew Palmer), Orange Day (Indigenous), Black/Red (School Colors), Camouflage, and Twin Day. The students seem very receptive to these themed days and surveys are being put out to see what more they would like to see. No money is made from Spirit days, the idea is solely to increase Student Moral and School Spirit!
- On November 5th there will be an outdoor assembly in memory of Mr. Middleton.
- NBSLA conference is slated for November 15th at the Fredericton Delta. There will be various sessions held for each District individually and a then chance for Districts to participate in Sessions collaboratively.
- Student Council finds Social Media to be the most successful way for garnering student attention.
- Halloween events will include the annual Halloween Costume contest and candy toss along with this years new addition of a “Spook Trail”. Any proceeds accumulated from the Spook Trail will be donated to the Wee School Bursary.
- The Terry Fox walk raised \$150.
- Becca Told Me Too initiative in partnership with Ms. Earls’ class led to various acts of random kindness being performed within the School.
- Spirit Assembly is slated for October 22nd.
- The committee is finding it difficult to recruit new members. They went with an application process over elections with the hope to return to the election protocol in May 2020. How to increase interest: Class Reps in G3 class time?

Principals Report:

Enrollment:

- There are currently 696 students enrolled at SRHS.
148 – Gr 9
165 – Gr 10
187 – Gr 11
196 – Gr 12

With these numbers, SRHS is considered a small School as it is less than 750 students.

- There are 45 teaching staff including Guidance etc, 14 EA's, 1 Librarian, 2 Admin Personal and 6 Custodians.
- There are several short and long term Exchange and International Students.

Smoking/Vaping:

- The District has strongly collaborated with its various Principals to devise a new District wide strict NO smoking/vaping policy. This Policy has been dispersed widely via email, electronic letters, student handouts, and also discussed at Orientation night etc. The policy states:
- 1st offense = 1 day suspension, 2nd offense = 3 day suspension, 3rd offense = 5 day suspension, 4th offense = a formal meeting with the District.
- If caught on school premises smoking/ vaping = \$175 fine.
- This policy extends both to the School Premises and Buses.
- To date there have been 14 incidents with vaping being the leading cause within SRHS.
- 2 Restrooms remain currently closed.

Global Competencies (Document):

- – Includes 6 categories of skills students should have by the time they leave School. A more in depth look into these competencies may be found in the Documents: Future Ready & Portrait of a Learner. Staff at SRHS underwent Professional Learning time on these documents in the Fall.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) – (Document)

- – Agenda Item for next meeting
- Includes the Mission & Vision, and a 3 year tiered plan.

The District is seeking members to sit on a Board of Appeals for such matters as suspensions, school transfer requests etc. To date seats are not being filled for this request. Why? Ms. Lauridsen will request more information as to requirements and “job” description to present at the next meeting.

Expectations for SRHS PSSC was discussed with topics such as: attention to Policy, to be aware of and involved in what is taking place within the School and District, to keep meetings to roughly 1 hour in duration, minutes are to be shared and posted on the main school website, agenda is to be presented 1 week prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Zoe Watson is seeking feedback on the “Green Letter” by PSSC members at large. This request will be emailed to members and responses forwarded back to Ms. Watson.

PSSC Budget Deadline is March 1 2020. Discussion for how the moneys should be properly used is slated for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:19pm