

SMS PSSC Meeting

April 5, 2018

Attendees:

Robin Baird
Sarah Powning
Cheryl Tabor

Joan Babineau
Kim Clancy

Christene Matthews
Kim MacDonald

Courtney Donovan

Agenda:

Principals' Report:

Peer Leadership—SMS is participating in a new Peer Leadership program. We have partnered with several leaders in the community including NB Power, Atlantic Loto & T4G. Robin, the CEO's & Human Resource representatives are the leads for the pilot program. Goals include the identification of education barriers that can be remedied, "red tape" processes that can be eliminated & whether we are producing employable students. Mental health is also a huge priority. The group will meet once in March.

Cashless Schools – The KEV system that uses electronic transfers rather than cash is being introduced to SMS. It was suggested that a clothing order could be a good way to test the system. It's hoped that it can be used for registrations, lunch, school trip, etc. next year to eliminate the handling of large sums of cash that often burdens school office personnel.

New Report Cards –It was noted that reaction to the new report card format is mixed. It was explained that the Report now focuses on what students are actually taking away from their studies, not how well they test. The use of RTI time was also discussed. It was noted that it was working better this year in terms of time and effective use of math teachers and mentors.

Supply Teachers – It was noted that parents will now be informed of any major changes occurring with their child's teachers such as long-term supply replacements, etc.

Excellence in Teaching Award – Students now have the opportunity to choose a deserving teacher for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Storm Cancellations – The Afterschool Ski Program & school closures was discussed. It was noted that although school closure due to weather does not permit the usage of the SMS bus, Poley does allow the program to continue if parents are able to get their children to the hill.

Community School Report:

Wellness Grant – Some of the monies from the Wellness Grant has been used to purchase snow shoes for Phys Ed classes. Kim was able to find a great deal on a media table for the Library.

Girls Empowerment Project – The Girls Empowerment Project will be held again after March.

RCMP Dog –

AI-Alnon – The meeting is being rescheduled

Special Guests:

Sarah Hicks – Sarah Hicks from Turnbull & Kindred Accounting Firm will return to SMS this spring to do Financial Math Literacy (budgeting, earning money, etc.) with students.

Shera Munn – Internet Safety

Communications:

██████████ **Benefit** – Robin noted that she and several other educators were in the process of organizing a Benefit Auction on Feb 17th for ██████████. ██████████. ██████████. He has just been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Other fundraising events involving the student body are also in the works.

SMS Production – Rehearsals for Shrek – the Musical are now underway with Tammy Morris directing. Performances will run April 19, 20 & 21st.

Next Meeting is March 15 at 7pm.