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RHS PSSC regular meeting minutes February 24, 2020 Location: Staff Room

Chair: Sam Shaw

PSSC Members Present: Stephanie Tomilson, Sara Shillington, Sam Shaw, Gill Martin (Student Rep), JoAnne Henderson, Angela Warman, Linda Sherbo (DEC Rep), Suzie Villacastin, Tracey LeRoy, Liz Tait, Bill Borland, Kevin Finnigan
Regrets: Mary Ann Gallagher, Christine Reevey, Dave Simms, Sarah Kimball and Tiffany MacKay French

	Discussion	Action/Motion
1	Review and approval of the agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve: JoAnne• Second: Tracey
2	Review and approval of meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve: Bill• Second: Suzie
3	Business arising from the minutes: - Follow up with idea for photos from Jostens	
	New business: Student Report: -KV Drive: over 500 boxes were collected. Had a grade competition to see who could collect the most boxes. Grade 12 won.	

- Love assembly went well. People left feeling happy 😊
- It is spirit week this week. Monday is tropical day, Tuesday is twin day, Wednesday is jersey day, Thursday is country day and Friday is ski lodge (lazy) day.
- Wednesday night: Project Prom- any girl can come try on dresses that have been donated and take one home free of charge (Grade 8 and 12 Prom)
- Sold Matchomatics: students filled out a survey a few weeks and got matched up with others around the school.
- Pita chips are on sale at break.

Liz Tait: idea for student council next year- sell RHS jerseys for those students who do not play on sports teams.

Principal's Report:

- Spirit week: Today we had students who never participate in spirit days dress up for tropical day. It's so nice to see that!
- We have a boy who is an at-risk student and Jenny Shea has been working with him. He showed up to musical rehearsal last night.
- Had some boys clear a path in the court yard so that students can use that path during the winter.
- Grade feedback: Grade 10, 11, and 12s asked to meet without 9s first and then as a whole group after. Only met with 9s last week. They felt like there are not a ton of leaders in grade 12. At the same time they feel like they don't have good leaders either. They also feel like they do not get involved and need to change that. The grade 9s know they need

to change the attitude they have towards participating in events. Get involved!

- Grade 9s lost their privileges (cell phones, book bags, snacks in class etc.) and are slowly earning them because the behaviour has improved.
- Bathroom destruction: RHS is the number one vandalized school in the area. Andrew and I are patrolling the bathrooms to hopefully see a decrease in this behaviour. We had the police come in to have a meeting with grade 9s to get the message across about how severe vandalism charges are. So far, we haven't had an incident since.
- Jeremy Lemire: a new teacher here with us week by week right now. He is a Red Seal carpenter with a Bachelor of Education. He understands the importance of being educated before stepping foot in the shop. The KV Woodworkers love him and are willing to come in and do a session with the shop class.
- Student Wellness: once a quarter we try and feed a healthy snack to the students. That will be happening this week.
- Credit recovery: This semester, we looked at students who were close to passing the "core" classes. These students are working with a teacher in the mornings (8:40-9:05) to get the 60% needed to pass the course.
- We are struggling with scent allergies. Two of our support staff members have severe scent allergies. Students and staff coming to school with scents on them will be asked to leave to go home to change and shower.
- Parent Reminders: cars cannot cut across the front of the school where busses stop. Also, cars cannot stop at the side door. They need to pull up to the gym to drop off students.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course calendar: We are in the process of updating our course calendar and posting it on our website. Graduation requirements have changed. - We will have parent course selection night, PowerPoint presentation in the cafeteria for students and course selection sheets will go home to be signed. - Our goal is to offer more AP courses next year. It will depend on staffing and enrollment numbers. - On Wednesday, we are having an award ceremony during the day to recognize those students with great marks. 	
5	<p><u>Once Around the Table-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linda: Presentation regarding transportation: vaping and driving in bus parking lots. There are certain busses in the district that have 5 cameras on them. The process to catch those breaking the law by passing busses sounds extensive, but it is what needs to be done to hopefully solve this problem. We have had children hit in parking lots getting on and off busses. Signage is clearly not enough. The DEC has met with the minister twice. There has been news to the inclusion policy: demands of the inclusion policy has it exists right now is not feasible. We do not have resources or money to have the support needed in the classrooms. I suspect in May there will be as many vacancies in the DEC as last time (7). If the government doesn't change, hopefully we will have a new DEC policy. The probability to build a new school in this province is probably zero. We voted to close Morna Heights earlier this month and there are others on that list as well. I have another suggestion to make which is to use money from closing these schools to help with support in the bigger schools. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bill: Water Polo team is all set to start practice after March Break.- Sam: We have given the PSSC money for Jostens.	
6	Next scheduled meeting date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Action:</u>
7	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm