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RHS PSSC regular meeting minutes January 20, 2020 Location: Staff Room

Chair: Sam Shaw

PSSC Members Present: Sam Shaw, Stephanie Tomilson, Sara Shillington, JoAnne Henderson, Christine Reevey, Elizabeth Nice, Suzanne Villacastin, Liz Tait, Sarah Kimball, Tiffany MacKay French, Tracey LeRoy, Mary Ann Gallagher, Bill Borland, Angela Warman and Gill Martin (Student Rep)

Regrets: Dave Simms, Kevin Finnigan and Linda Sherbo (DEC Representative)

| | Discussion | Action/Motion |
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| 1 | Review and approval of the agenda. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JoAnne• Second: Christine |
| 2 | Review and approval of meeting minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liz• Second: Elizabeth |
| 3 | Business arising from the minutes: - None | |
| | New business: Student Report: December was busy! Now we are in a “chill” time of year. | |

Coming up we have: KD Drive in February as well as our love week around Valentine's Day, including our Love Assembly.

Basketball and hockey are coming to an end, which means playoffs!

We are in the middle of exams and last week SRC made an effort to spread positive vibes throughout the school.

Casino Night is May 14th

Winter Formal went well this year.

Orange Hockey Game: Collected teddy bears for the Pediatric-Oncology unit.

Flight Group: a group dedicated to the mental wellbeing of students. Last year, one of the big projects was painting the bathroom stalls to replace the negative messages that were there. This spring we are planning on making the courtyard a more friendly space.

Principal's Report:

- Our school was a part of the Chinese New Year with the Mandarin course we offered this year at the school. As their final exam, our students took part in their ceremony at the Imperial Theatre. They sang in front of a full audience in a language they are not familiar with.
- Grade 9s: Andrew and I went through and met with most of them and, so far, they love Rothesay High. They love that they have off-campus privileges and they love their teachers. We have noticed a positive change in their behaviour. However, Grade 9's don't seem interested in KD Day.
- 10 Days of Christmas: the staff (once again) loved it! Thank you very much for organizing that.

- FYI: Early Childhood is putting on a consultation with the Green Paper. Our area is at Harbour View High at 7pm on February 4th. Linda will be attending.
- We have been looking at doing some things to “straighten up” our school. The implementation of Hall Passes has been helpful. We have had a group of students destroying the boy’s bathrooms in the school. There’s a room by the gym where Andrew and I are going to set up shop during instructional time to try and stop this problem.
- Vaping has calmed down a bit. There is a district policy we now follow.
- Interventions (Homeroom): some were full and some were not around Exam Period. Any feedback?
Some were more likely to attend Extra Help at lunch- Elizabeth.
Attendance has been difficult during homeroom, so we tried this to see what would happen. Every other Tuesday and Thursday we, as a staff, have our meetings, including our PLC and SIP meetings.
- In our PLC meetings, we have decided to change our exams a bit. No True or False, max 25 multiple choice and added our curriculum outcomes next to the questions.
- Summer School: Students will be re-learning the outcomes they were unsuccessful at, so having our exams set up this way is helpful when determining what the student needs to cover in summer school.
- \$1286: based on communication. How do you want to spend your money? Looking at other schools like FHS, HVHS, HHS, etc. they have “branding” on their walls. We are looking at adding signage to our building. Adding things like this gives us more school pride.
- Essential Skills: The new pathway to graduation. A high school diploma with essential skills. These students are pulled into the program in

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| | <p>grade 10. It is meant for those who are “non-attenders”. It looks at the “essential skills” needed in life. They still need their 17 credits to graduate, but this pathway is designed for those most likely going to NBCC. Right now it’s RHS, FHS, OHS and HHS. It starts with 6 grade 10 students.</p> | |
| <p>5</p> | <p><u>Once Around the Table-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracey: Attendance now that there’s no exemptions: has there been a decrease? Stephanie: students who want to do well and care about their grades will attend. I can pull the data from the district and see. - Suzanne: I still get phone calls about an absence even when I call the school. Does that still count against an absence? - Suzanne: high school curriculum: is there a trend to change the amount of multiple choice etc. on an exam heading towards the university? Stephanie: I’m not sure. - Suzanne: An idea: having feminine products installed in the bathroom instead of having the girls go to the office. - JoAnne: Course selection: is there a way to have both students and parents involved in course selections? What happens to those 4 students who signed up for Chemistry 112? Stephanie: there is still the option to take it next year. | |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Next scheduled meeting date: February 24th at 6:30pm</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action:</u> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>Adjournment</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm |