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RHS PSSC regular meeting minutes November 25th, 2019 Location: Staff Room

Chair: Sam Shaw

PSSC Members Present: Stephanie Tomilson, Sara Shillington, Tracey LeRoy, JoAnne Henderson, Angela Warman, Dave Simms, Liz Tait, Lauren Ashfield (Student Rep) and Kevin Finnigan

Regrets: Bill Borland, Sarah Kimball, Mary Ann Gallagher, Christine Reevey and Suzie Villacastin

	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: Liz• Second: JoAnne
3	Business arising from the minutes: - None	
	New business: Student Report: - Pita Chip sales are still going well. - We now have popcorn for sale on Friday for \$1	

- November: We had the boys and girls hockey home opener and had an awesome turnout. Reggie was out during the intermission for some games.
- Rip Seely Pep Rally at the school went well.
- Student Council ran the canteen at the Rip Seely game.
- We had our first Multicultural Night last week and it went well. We will try and keep this as a tradition at RHS from now on.
- Last Saturday we participated in the Santa Claus Parade and it went well.
- December 11th Performing Arts Night.
- December 12th Winter Formal.
- 12 Spirit Days of Christmas leading up to Christmas Break. Possibility to include the schedule in the weekly update.
- Student council will plan the last day of school before Christmas Break with activities for the school after lunch.

Sam Shaw's New Business:

- PSSC Handbook: there are a lot of needs within the building and we may not necessarily receive all the funding we need; however, one of the things PSSC is not supposed to be partaking in is fundraising.

Principal's Report:

- Karrie Harris has been meeting with the Christmas families in need. It is a hard meeting because some feel it is putting more of a spotlight on their family. These families are asking for the basic needs like blankets, towels, etc. St. David's Church does an awesome job looking after some of these families. Andrew and I noticed last year that when we

delivered turkeys, some of these families did not have a way to cook these turkeys. Maybe we can look at providing another meal that meets their needs. We have already received gift cards from families in the area to give to those in need. Our teachers do a lot as well in terms of giving back to our students.

- Grade 9: they are coming along. We've spent a lot of time working with them and it has been a struggle for all of us. There were a lot of parent meetings that happened and there has been an improvement. Some students were just looking for attention but were going about it in the wrong way. Some grade 9s are stepping up in participating in anti-bullying days down at the middle schools, STEAM workshops and walking in the Santa Claus Parade.
- Multicultural Night: We are seeing more and more students coming in from other countries. We have purchased flags for their countries to represent them around the school.
- Remembrance Day: We had 3 War Veterans come to our ceremony and had students partake in the ceremony who would not typically partake. The students were very respectful and quiet throughout the ceremony.
- We have a \$1200 dollar communications budget the PSSC needs to decide how they want to spend it.
- Have funds saved to send teachers to job shadow some other teacher across the province in their subject area. Originally, we set aside money to send these teachers but now we have received funding. We will purchase a cart with laptops for teachers to check out with that money we saved.
- School WiFi: still working out some bugs. It is really slow.
- Purchased chairs for the physics lab.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students are not using their lockers and, as a result, garbage is being thrown in.- New Brunswick Student Wellness Survey: Rothesay High students have a higher smoking average than the rest of the province and are not getting enough sleep. Depression and anxiety is also higher. We are lower in terms of bullying, compared to the rest of the province. However, our numbers are still not great. Our drinking results are pretty standard. Teenagers are always experimenting with drinking; however, we need to be aware what they are mixing the alcohol with. As a group, we want to figure out what we need to focus on. Our goal is to have students become more resilient. We will grab a sample group of students and talk to them to try and solve the problems/understand the issues.- The student's lack of sleep is contributing to anxiety because the lack of sleep mimics anxiety.	
5	<p><u>Once Around the Table-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tracey and Liz: 12 days of Christmas for Staff: Liz will put out the list and see who wants to volunteer.- Sam: is there any point in changing the night of PSSC?	

6	Next scheduled meeting date: January 20 th , 2020	• <u>Action:</u>
7	Adjournment	• Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm