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RHS PSSC regular meeting minutes October 28th, 2019 Location: Room 102

Chair: Sam Shaw

PSSC Members Present: Sam Shaw, Stephanie Tomilson, Bill Borland, Mary Ann Gallagher, Liz Tait, Tiffany MacKay French, Sara Shillington, Gill Martin (Student Rep), Laura Henry, Suzie Villacastin, Angela Warman, Christine Reveey, Elizabeth Nice, Sarah Kimball, Linda Sherbo (DEC Representative)

Regrets: JoAnne Henderson, Dave Simms, Tracey LeRoy and Kevin Finnigan

| | Discussion | Action/Motion |
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| 1 | Review and approval of the agenda. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved: Mary Ann Gallagher• Second: Tiffany MacKay French |
| 2 | Review and approval of meeting minutes - | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| 3 | Business arising from the minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Online Sponsor for the 'chair fundraiser' for chairs in the cafeteria. Would allow people in the community to purchase a chair and have their name displayed. March would be an ideal time to host a fundraiser before the musical and graduation. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at purchasing chairs for the cafeteria. Funding is our issue. Hoping District has money in the budget to help cover the cost...possibly? | |
| | <p>New business:</p> <p>Student Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pita chip sales at break have been going well. - School clothing samples will be in by Parent Teacher so orders will be in by Christmas. - Last week we had flannel/denim day and have noticed participation this year during the spirit weeks has been awesome. - Grade 10 Night went extremely well. It was organized by the grade 10 reps and about 60 students showed up. - Trivia night also went well. 13 teams entered and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. - Hockey season has started. - Rip Seeley will be in December at Rothesay High this year. - The Football team made it to playoffs. - In November, we are planning a multicultural night open to the public. Students from the school are going to set up a station about their home country to teach the public about their cultural background. Possibly the 20th of November. - Possibility of joining the Christmas Parade this year. - Performing Arts Night is this Wednesday. <p><u>Principal's Report:</u></p> | |

- We have decided to switch things up this year for our leadership positions. Instead of having traditional department heads (eg. math, science, English), we have divided ours up into the following positions: Kim Wright represents People, Brianne White represents STEM, Michelle Standring represents Processes and Tim Hunter represents Student Services.
- Grade 9s: This year's group is a bit different. We have not had the lack of parent support in a while here at RHS. There have been racist comments made from a select number of students. The grade 9's have been included in our School Improvement Plan. We met with all the grade 9 teachers during a lunch hour to pin point where this behaviour is coming from. As a group, we have come up with a set of rules for the classroom for grade 9's and, so far, have seen an improvement. We have noticed the upperclassmen are tired of the behaviour as well and hoping their good behaviour will have a positive influence on our grade 9's. Possibility to have a parent meeting?
- Intervention (Homeroom): It's working well. Math Help and working rooms (library and cafeteria) are full of students every morning. We also have clubs offered during the morning for those who do not need the intervention. The 9 weeks are coming to an end and we are going to introduce some new groups for the next 9 weeks as well as make some changes to the intervention rooms (eg. combine all English help rooms into one rather than have them split by grade)
- Four students are going to a Dal presentation for Dal Med.
- We have 200 deaf and hard of hearing students in the province and have 4 interpreters. We have 2 students and 2 interpreters at Rothesay

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| | <p>High. The PL for the afternoon of Parent Teacher will be about those who are deaf and hard of hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had students do a coding workshop at the school with Joanna Saunders. - The preschool with Jackie Smith is coming to trick or treat on Thursday. - Student Vote: NDP won for Rothesay High. - Shane Kelbaugh won the Minister's Excellence in Education award. - Essential Skills and Adv. Placement (AP): Dominic Cardy wants to see an increase in IB programs. The cost of IB programs is expensive, but Rothesay High has a few AP courses offered: English and Psychology. We are looking to increase the number of AP courses offered at the school. - Andrew and I are going to Toronto at the beginning of December for a conference. - Essential Skills: a program 2 periods of the day meant for students who are struggling. It's an opportunity for them to do an alternative career path through high school. It's project-based learning. A few of us went to training at JMA High School. We are going to start with 6 grade 10 students in February. Sometimes these students can graduate a semester early. | |
| 5 | <p><u>Once Around the Table-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sam: shout out to Girls Softball for bringing home a provincial banner. - Elizabeth: any volunteers needed for the school? I am willing to help. - Mary Ann: heard great things about grade 10 night. - Christine: Swim Team: is that starting up soon? | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah: Shout out for Boys soccer team for going to provincials this weekend. - Linda: KV Police started a youth council. Hoping to build the committee to 12 people. Looking for kids, but not sure the message has got out. DEC: did not pass the budget. We are short 2 million dollars for Education Assistants. Green Paper: looking to write a letter to them. Because we didn't pass, we are legally in a position of being really bad. We are meeting next Tuesday. Need community representation. I think it's the model that is the problem. It makes it difficult to get things done. As a PSSC, you should have a look through the Green Paper. - JoAnne (via email)- 1. Loving the weekly emails and hearing other positive comments and 2. If there hasn't been any movement on the green space tidy (or if this is waiting until spring?), I suggest putting a call out to volunteers for the Remembrance Day long weekend! I am happy to help on the Saturday afternoon or on Monday afternoon. | |
| 6 | Next scheduled meeting date Monday, November 25 th at 6:30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action:</u> |
| 7 | Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at: 7:45pm |