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RHS PSSC regular meeting minutes October 27th, 2020 6:00pm Location: Cafeteria

Chair: Sam Shaw

PSSC Members Present: Sam Shaw, Christina Barrington, Sara Shillington, Sarah Buckley (Student Rep), Tracey LeRoy, Liz Nice, Deanne Long, Suzie Villacastin, Liz Tait, JoAnne Henderson, Christine Reevey, Angela Warman, Kevin Finnigan, and Craig Woolard

	Discussion	Action/Motion
1	Review and approval of the agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve: Tracey• Second: JoAnne
2	Review and approval of meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve: Liz Tait• Second: Kevin
3	Business arising from the minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liz and Sam regarding chair fundraiser: Liz returned donations and will start it again later. Christina will return the donations that are on the cashless site.	

New business:

Student Report:

- We have been busy this month. We have chosen our council, and everyone is now familiar with their position.
- Wellness projects: to help those struggling with their mental health, especially since it is report card season.
- Virtual Orange Game: we are organizing (hopefully) a virtual orange game (RHS Hockey)
- Wrapping up Socktober (donating socks to those in need) this week
- Athlete of the Month and Staff of the Month: we will be celebrating a staff member and athlete each month.
- School clothing: hopefully starting to sell next week to have orders in by Christmas. Will try and attach a picture of the clothing to the newsletter for parents to see.

Principal's Report:

- COVID 19 updates:
- Students are good at wearing their masks, cleaning, and are complying with requests from teachers. Areas of growth: social distancing while in common areas. We are trying to focus on having students put their mask back on after they eat. We are looking at putting plexiglass in between tables in the cafeteria.
- 5 day students down time: we need to figure out a balance regarding down time for students who are at school 5 days a week.

- Grade 12 students applying for university: looking at working around the issues with students who have CR on their transcripts. We will give them a mark where they have CR. It will be an average of their marks that they received between first semester of grade 11 and their average for their grade 12 marks.
- Teaching and Learning:
- What has been made possible? More quality one on one with students, more creative teaching practices and opportunity for professional growth and more opportunity for outside the box thinking.
- Student feedback: 50% like managing their own time, 25% like the idea of more sleep, 25% notice a reduction in stress levels. However, they are finding some classes to be too much work (more than 1 hour), questions are taking a while to get answered, having a hard time focusing, and there is an inconsistency in delivery.
- Meeting Expectations column on PowerSchool: will show parents if their students are engaging in the work being done in class even though there has been no summative mark given. Will evaluate in January if it is effective or if we need to reevaluate.
- Pushback from staff: students need to learn resilience and should learn to solve the problem themselves.
- Pushback from parents: 50% of the teaching role.
- Support Center: students coming back on a 5 day plan:
- Students who are failing multiple courses are considered for an opportunity to attend school 5 days a week. On their “at home” days, they will do their online learning in the library. The purpose of this is to help them navigate TEAMS and get caught up on their work.
- School Improvement Plan (SIP):

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postponed parent, teacher, and student surveys to get feedback for the new SIP. We may send out an informal one to gather information. - Last week I had 3 supply teachers come in to relieve teachers from a period so they could attend a session on TEAMS. - Parent teacher conferences are virtual on Nov. 19th and 20th. - Our website is being updated and we are looking for feedback on how to design the new website. - December 1st: Booster Club tied to fundraising that are beyond the teaching and learning. - PSSC Budget: We can't buy technology, but we can sponsor a community event. Maybe try to provide a session regarding mental health for parents and students, "It takes a village", or the courtyard 	
5	<p><u>Once Around the Table-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sam: really appreciates the RedHawk Express - Craig: this was very informative. Thank you - Liz Nice: SJHS Alum: "adopting a hound" to sponsor students in need. Something we could do here? Lunches, winter coats, etc. - Liz Tait: Grade 9 immunization rescheduled? Christina: not yet. - Is there a way to have students stay at school? Christina: yes, but teachers will have more lunchtime duty as a result. - Creating RHS ALUM bumper sticker for their cars - JoAnne: get a group together from other schools to write a letter or sign a letter to the minister about our opinions on hybrid learning. - Christina R: Thank you for everything!! 	

6	Next scheduled meeting date: November 24 th at 6:00pm	• <u>Action:</u>
7	Adjournment	• Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm