

KVHS PSSC Minutes – October 15, 2019

In attendance: JoEllen Jensen (Principal), Stephanie Costain (teacher representative), Keigan Miller (student leadership representative), Carmen Atkinson, Jana Comeau, Ingrid Harris, Curtis Langille, Jennifer LeBlanc, Andrew MacBean (Co-Chair 2018-2019), Carolyn McCoy (Co-Chair 2018-2019), Tracy McPhee, Elizabeth Hall, Bill Allen, Kelly Sisk, Rose Kollie, Marty McCarthy.

Regrets: Rosemarie Kingston

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. This initial meeting was chaired by Carolyn McCoy, one of the co-chairs from the 2018-2019 academic year.
2. Welcome and Introductions: Each member of the PSSC introduced themselves.
3. Approval of the Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda:

Second:

No discussion. Motion carried.

4. Review the Role of the PSSC: A link to the PSSC manual was provided to committee members to review prior to the meeting. It was noted that the role of the PSSC is to advise the school administration, not to discuss concerns regarding individual committee members' students. It was also noted that committee members may have the opportunity to sit on an Appeals Committee (for appeals of disciplinary matters) or to participate in interviews for school administrators (principal, vice-principals), as one committee member is required for each appeal or interview.
5. Correspondence – Committee members were e-mailed the invitation to participate in the district PSSC orientation in September. District Education Committee meeting invitations are typically mailed to the PSSC Chair and will be forwarded to the committee. No other correspondence was received.
6. Outstanding Action Items: There were no outstanding action items.
7. New Action Items:
  - a. Election of Chair: Neither Andrew MacBean or Carolyn McCoy are able to continue in the role of Chair this year. Jana Comeau agreed to take on this role.
  - b. Election of Secretary: It was decided that responsibility for taking minutes would be shared by the members of the committee.
  - c. Grade 9 Wellness Fair: This is an initiative to expose grade 9 students to services within their community that support wellness. This is not a venue for local organizations or vendors to sell services or products. It will occur from 9-12 on November 21<sup>st</sup> in the mini gym. Students will come for approximately 20 minutes at a time and can visit information booths and speak to representatives from each participating group. Each student is provided with a short questionnaire to complete when they visit the displays and can submit these as ballots to win a gift card. (Last year, three \$10 gift cards to the Great Canadian Dollar Store were given as prizes.)

The following groups/individuals have confirmed their participation: Portage, Shelley Gautreau (Sexual Health Nurse), the KV Public Library, the Work Room, Atlantic Driving Academy, Kennebecasis Regional Police Force, Ann Hogan (District Healthy Learner Nurse), the Pregnancy Resource Centre, the Town of Quispamsis. Responses are pending from KV Oasis, the Sweet Caroline Foundation.

The committee suggested that additional organizations focusing on mental health, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, someone who can speak to healthy sleep behaviours, ProKids or JumpStart, and KVHS Guidance and/or an ISD representative be invited.

**Action: Send invitations to the above groups (Carolyn)**

**Action: Coordinate having tables moved from cafeteria to the mini gym (Carolyn, Andrew, Stephanie, Keigan)**

Any PSSC member who wishes to stop in and help on the morning of the fair are welcome and encouraged to do so.

8. Principal's Report: The Principal's Report is appended.
9. Student Leadership Report: It was noted that this was missed as an omission from the agenda at the start of the meeting. Usually, this report occurs early in the meeting in case the student representative needs to leave.

The Student Leadership team has approximately 15 members and approximately half are new to this role. They had a retreat at the end of the summer vacation and decided that the focus of their activities will be on making students feel welcome and involved in student life at KVHS. Keigan outlined the following initiatives and activities:

- The team identified some repairs for the bathrooms on the main level so that they are more appealing and welcoming.
- Fright Night will replace the Spook Trail. It will still be an event that is open to the community but will have a different look and feel to it. Money from this event will be used to support student life initiatives.
- Two students will attend the provincial student leadership conference in Fredericton later in October.
- Planning for other events continues.

10. Once Around the Table: Members asked about the following items:
  - Fall play: This is an annual production and is a smaller-scale show compared to the spring musical. Announcements are made early in the year for auditions, tech crew, etc.
  - PowerSchool: Contact Lisa Nicholson for support in logging in to PowerSchool.
  - School merchandise: Information on school merchandise will be available in the next few weeks. A new vendor has been sourced and information will be sent home using regular school communications.
11. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next meeting will take place on \_\_\_\_\_ at 7PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Curtis Langille  
Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

## Principal's Report – October 2019

### Facilities:

- Safety procedures – completed 2 fire drills and a lockdown. Off-site evacuation is scheduled. We identified some areas to improve. Fire department will participate and gave feedback
- Stinky area – part of the school has an odor. District staff are working to remedy the issue.
- Exterior bricks – Some exterior bricks have been replaced/repointed.
- SchoolMark – Rebranding activities continue.

### Arts

- Concert in the Courtyard took place on September 25.
- The fall play “Night Watch” will run October 24-26.
- BlueTones, band, and choir are up and running and will perform at our Remembrance Day assembly in November.

### Athletics

- Fall sports are wrapping up and winter ones are gearing up!
- Soccer season is finishing, as are football and field hockey within the next few weeks.
- Baseball team won provincials for the first time in KV history. Softball team won the provincials for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row!
- Boys' hockey team roster has been finalized and girls' is almost done. Basketball try-outs are in a couple of weeks.

### Academics

- Change in schedule: The Advisory period now follows period one (data collection and feedback will follow)
- Lunch and Learn intervention still going – students with incomplete assignments will continue to work over their lunch periods to complete them.
- Lots of university/ post-secondary visits have occurred/will occur during the fall months.
- Post-secondary fair for 11's on Oct 30.
- Reach for the Top in Toronto this week

### Other initiatives:

- Suicide prevention day with tattoos
- Federal election candidates will visit the school and there will be a student vote at the end of the week.
- Pink Week – proceeds going to Cancer research, which is the focus of our fundraising for the year.
- Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports (PBIS) – celebration assembly highlighting student talent, academic rewards, sport competitions and KV swag giveaways for Crusader Coupon draws.
- 18 international students at KVHS with AEI – This is an income generator for KVHS.
- Provincial Renaissance conference is here on October 18 with about 70 participants.

- Fright Night October 29 – There is a new format for this leadership fundraiser. Students are all invited to participate.
- Provincial green paper [consultation.EECD-EDPE@gnb.ca](mailto:consultation.EECD-EDPE@gnb.ca) : Feedback is sought from members of the school community.