

MINUTES – PSSC OCT 2023

Location: Library, KVHS
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Time: 6:30-7:45
Facilitator: Heather Noseworthy, Chair

Welcome and Call to Order at 6:35

1. In attendance: Paul Doiron, Mary Ellen Veale, Ashley Ritchie, Jennifer Roberts, Shona Davidson, Kara Lohnes, Heather Nosworthy (Chair), Meagan Humphries (Principal)

No Guests

Not able to attend: Carlos Urtubia, Colin MacDonald, Andrew MacBain, Julie Urquhart, Natacha Gillis, Stephanie Costain (Teacher Representative)

2. Secretary: Shona Davidson
3. Approval / Changes to Agenda: Add school update from Principal after SIP update
4. Approval of Minutes for April and September: Committee decided that Minutes do not have to be motioned for approval per SIP Meeting Handbook.

Student Leadership Report by Ashley Richard:

N/A - we realized the invite was not extended so we will add her to our email list.

(Also noted that Roger Nesbitt from the DEC is to be added to list)

Principal Report: Meagan Humphries

- SIP Update

There was a school improvement day held on October 13th where the teachers spent the day updating and coming up with new ideas for our SIP.

1. SEL (Social Emotional Learning):

- SEL Classroom activity for what would show SEL in teacher's practice.
 - A checklist was created by the teachers – Meagan passed out the list to committee (see attached copy).
 - 2 aspects of the SIP focused on: SEL and Triangulation of Data by using observations in the classroom.
 - How to group kids based on what they need.
 - Discussed seating plan to help with SEL. They like to know where they belong – some will benefit.
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How will accountability be measured after each teacher receives the SEL Classroom Lookout List?

- Follow-up will be discussed during the next staff meeting. They feel because it was developed by teachers for teachers, it can be used quickly and easily. be measured.

Other SIP Updates:

Has a PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention System) been implemented?

- Not yet fully, but it is sort of in place. Kindness Commitment and Character (what do these look like). Rewarding these behaviours or attributes with coupons last year.

Has the MTSS Committee been established? Not yet.

Meagan advised there is an update to the SIP that addresses these questions and she will send us a copy before the next meeting.

Plan to reduce number of INC per student:

- Parents now receive notice with student's marks showing INC. We don't have data yet to see if it has reduced.
 - **School Happenings update by Meagan:**
 - KD Day at the Church on Weds - Student Leadership class helps to prepare and serve. Parents can donate KS by dropping it off at school.
 - Breakfast program before homeroom – grab and go. Trying to target students that experience food insecurity.
 - Playschool has started – 3 hours a day, twice a week.
 - Caroline Price (Guidance) took some students to a mental health learning activity.
 - Ms. Lanigan brought some music, art, and drama students to the Festival of the Arts at RNS.
 - Friday, Oct 27th will be a Blanket ceremony with an Indigenous Elder
 - There is a nuclear connection project started.
 - KV Café – practice skills.
 - Breakout field trip with Ms. Humphries Sports and Rec class and the French language assistants attended as well.
 - An African drummer performance.
 - 2 Climate Grants of \$1500 each. There is a hydroponic wall approved and the other one is still to be determined, but a proposal has been made.
 - Career connection days are coming up Nov 1st. Grade 9 students will participate in taking their kids to work day.
 - Academic awards will be given in homeroom class on Nov 2nd.
 - Grade 9 immunizations coming soon.
 - Hope Restored Conference for VP. Mental health learnings that will be shared with the school.
 - PIE Con (Pride in Education) is happening.
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- Grade 11 and 12 students will be taken uptown to the Hussars building to see some post-secondary options.
- Post-secondary recruiters will visit the school throughout the year.
- NBCC tours are happening – sign up is required and students will be brought to the campus.

- **Other Business: Round table**

Ideas to help grade 11 and 12 students in career planning:

How can we include parents. Most students do not don't know what they want to do. Students have access to my Blueprint to help guide them as well as their Guidance Counsellor.

How many booths will be at the Hussars for the students to visit? 40 or so, but they only have an hour so can't visit all of them. Grade 12's get more out of it if they are interested in specific schools.

Can we get our grade 12 students the MYCred (or other) online access where they can apply directly to post-secondary institutions instead of our school secretary being responsible for sending the transcripts via fax or mail for each student for each school they are applying?

Can we get a parent or student portal or link on our website that will have post-secondary guidance? Information around early acceptance, co-op programs, scholarship links.

PSSC Budget:

\$2.40 per student last year 1140 students enrolled this year, so we are expecting around \$2500. Meagan to confirm this year's amount.

Parameters discussed: funds should be used by the committee to support the SIP. Meetings or workshops for committee members or school services. Other ways to improve student wellness to support the SIP.

Mary Ellen suggested supporting the community in the classroom with the purchase of board games, crafts, books etc. to bring students together socially.

Ashley asked about considering an outdoor classroom (SEL). There is no dedicated space right now, but there are supplies we can use to create one. Ashley said we could investigate partnering with NBCC carpentry students to build something for us that would benefit all students.

Meagan talked about a using s coupon system again where they could be traded in for prizes at a quarterly celebration for PBIS like they did last year. She is going to ask the teachers for their input tomorrow when they receive their classroom look-for checklist.

Heather suggested looking at anti-bullying and addressing it earlier in the year based on the stats from last year's mental health survey – 402 (1/3) students identified as being bullied.

Future Meeting Ideas

We will have the new SIP by the next meeting and will use that to help determine future agendas.

Issues with students vaping / drugs in the bathrooms. 30 were identified and parents contacted. Follow up on tolerance policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next meeting will be at 6:30 on November 21st KVHS Library.
