

Minutes from the PSSC meeting of February 26th

Call to order by Mr. Chaisson at 7:05 pm

Present Alden Crain, Cindy Bates, Agnes Haarsma, Chris Bingham, Molly Reid, Miss. Downs, Jason Johanson-Morris and Micheal Chaisson

Absent Mia Clarke

Student Council report – Molly Reid gave the report this evening.

The high school student's council ran a shortened version of the 12's days of Christmas the week before the Christmas Break. We had a different activity every day ranging from Ginger bread house making, pictures with Santa to fun games in the gym. The wrap your Christmas gift was a big hit with the students. During this week we also prepared Christmas Dinner for the whole school including our bus drivers. The Saturday before Christmas break we had our five hours of freedom. Parents drop their kids off at the school and have five hours to go do their Christmas Shopping and we looked after their kids. I believe that we had 21 families take advantage of this opportunity.

We are our Winter Formals for both the middle school and the high school students. Both dances were very well attended and a good time was had by all. For exams we made smile cookies for all the students writing exams. This was a little boost to their very stressful week.

In February we sold carnations for Valentine's Day. They were purchased the week before at lunch time and delivered to student with a little note from the sender. For the month of February we collected socks for Out Reach the men's shelter located in Saint John. We collected 200 pairs of socks and some hats and mittens, gloves for them. We made 30 soup and sandwiches meals to be delivered to the seniors in our area. They were very grateful and some of them even cried when we dropped off the food. It was really fulfilling to see the expressions and the gratitude that they showed towards us.

The last Saturday in February we had a moonlight snow shoe outing. Miss. Giddens lead the trip down along the river and we had close to 30 people show up for the outing.

Teacher report –Miss Downs is an FI teacher at the school

She shared about the work load at a small school vs a larger school. She currently has five classes to prep for and is also one of the Grad class teacher supervisors. She shared that it is hard to get more staff involved as they are time strapped with preparing for their classes. She indicated that we do a good job offering activities for such a small staff.

Principals report February 26th 2019

We have reached the half way point of this school year! Hard to believe that it is the start of February already! It always amazes me at how fast the school year seems to move after the New Year comes.

Since our last meeting we had our Christmas play Elf Junior and it was wonderful, we have so much talent in our school. What I really love about this play, is it had middle and high school students acting side by side. Great crowds and it even made money! The profits go to funding the second semester play.

We had our High School dance and it was very well attended with almost 70 students in attendance, which is a big crowd for the number of high school students we have. The Middle School dance had to be cancelled as it was a snow day. That dance will take place this Thursday night.

Kim Giddens and her High School leadership with the help of a few volunteer parents fed the whole school Christmas dinner on December 19th and it was wonderful. All for the low, low price of \$2.75 a person. Some even had seconds! The same group also prepared breakfast for the school earlier in the month.

We had our High School and Middle School Success Assemblies the last week of school before Christmas. The kids really love these assemblies and Carter King is a great help with me up on stage. He pulls the winners out of the basket!

I took three grade 12 students to district office for a Mental Health Forum. They will be presenting to the school after exams. We sent 4 students to a Healthy Eating food prep workshop at Hampton High School in December. They are all Cul. Tech students and will share with the class second semester what they learned. Kim took two high school leadership students to the provincial conference in November and they shared the following information with Mrs. Watson our Superintendent.

New Brunswick Student Leadership Notes – November 2018

What is going well at your school? What are the challenges and what could improve?

Belleisle Regional High School

Grade 6 & 12 Buddy System

TADD group – 14 went to National Conference

Halloween event for young students

Run – course behind the school – games after school

Bear Bucks – certificates, draws and prizes

Encounters in Canada – Ottawa for a week

Challenges:

Guidance Time – post secondary and mental health need more attention

Cafeteria – nutritional options – **I met with Darlene Erb (Chartwells Regional Supervisor) to improve the quality of the food offered to our students**

Teacher support for extra-curricular – **This is a challenge at most schools as it is not mandatory to get involved**

Course selections/options – **This is the best semester we have had at the school for students taking classes that they actually want to take. We currently have 32 on line courses being taken by 21 students.**

Wifi/access – **We now have accessible Wi-Fi in the library, room 142 and Mr. Dulong's room. This will increase to more areas of the school once we know that these areas are working well.**

All four of our basketball teams had a great season. The senior Men's team had an amazing season making it all the way to regionals. They were champions of the Cambridge Early bird tipoff tournament. The senior girls finished second in the same tournament. The senior men's also won the BRHS tournament with the girl's senior team coming in second. Great season for both teams. Boy's middle school and girl's middle school were at the top of their field. The boys fought hard but they are now out. The girls are playing today for the Hampton Ed. Center championship.

We have had a number of presentations over the last two months. Miss Giddens and Mr. Chaisson had MP Karen Ludwig in to speak to their Law class and Social Studies 9 class. Kim also had a retired undercover RCMP officer in to speak to her law class.

We had a presentation from PRUDE. Two young men from Africa came and share their story of how they were refugees and immigrated to Canada.

Ms. Giddens brought in MADD Canada for a presentation on Weeding Out The Risks related to Cannabis consumption in youth. Risks of driving while high.

Heather Avery from the Workroom was in, for Jeopardy, 6 Destinations, Chatterhigh. Then she presented for Career Week

Period 1 - Grades 6 & 10 (6 Destinations)

Period 2 - Grades 7-9 - exploring nbjobs.ca site - occupational videos, infographics

Period 3 - Grade 11 & 12's - occupational videos, Career fair Review - Q & A's

- resumes, interviews, scholarships

- SEED Program

Trudy Gallagher was in on Wednesday, February 6th for the whole day. She was in the following classes throughout the day:

Period 1 (8:35-9:35) – English 113 (room # 142) Teacher: Mrs. Jenn McFadden (6 students)

Period 2 (9:50-10:50) – Social Studies 6E (room # 227) Teacher: Ms. Julie McDermott (22 students)

Period 3 (10:55-11:55) – English 112 (room # 139) Teacher: Mrs. Melissa Scott (15 students)

Period 4 (12:45-2:10) – Visual Arts 7 (room # 231) Teacher: Ms. Julie McDermott (23 students)
Period 5 (2:15-3:15) – Visual Arts 9 (room #231) Teacher: Ms. Julie McDermott (12 students)

We just finished doing a sock drive where we collected 170 pairs of socks and 40 hats and mittens, the national group we worked with is WE BE US and we are all working towards something amazing – 20K Sock Day. We want to encourage schools, businesses, sports teams, and anyone else to help us reach our goal of donating 20,000 pairs of socks across the country.

Our goal for the Sock Drive is to have participants collect as many socks as they can by February 20, 2019, so that on February 22nd (20K Sock Day), everyone who has participated can donate the socks to the organization of their choice.

We had some staff lose their parents since we last met. Kim Giddens mom passed away and Anne Mugglestone lost her father over the Christmas Break. Belinda Oram lost her brother in-law in January.

School Surveys – Mr. Chaisson shared the results from the TTFM survey done back in October, the grade 12 exit survey and the CARR model survey done in the fall. Discussions around student mental health and bullying took place. This led to the idea of developing a middle school and high school focus group to drill down into the data. This will take place before the next meeting and the results will be shared with the PSSC.

SIP – The new format for creating our new SIP was shared with the PSSC. They liked the idea of outlining how the SIP and the DIP and the 10 year plan all connect and tie together.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm