PSSC Minutes for March 22nd, 2023

Time : 7:00 pm – 8:50 pm

Location : BRHS Library

Attendees:

* Jennifer McFadden
* Rebecca Thibault
* Agnes Haarsma
* Jennifer Dennison
* Charman McLaughlan

1. PSSC suggestion and improvements
   * Send minutes within a week to Agnes to distribute to group.
   * Have a few combined presentations with the elementary school on various topics such as anxiety, FASD, mental health, etc.
2. Student council report
   * N/A
   * No student council representatives were present.
3. Teacher report
   * Please see Mme. Thibault’s teacher report :

*PSSC Teacher Report*

*The staff are glad to have had a relatively normal year so far. We have enjoyed being able to have presentations and extra-curricular activities without restrictions.*

*Grad class*

* *For a fundraiser, grads are selling raffle tickets for a pressure washer donated by Easy kleen. If they sell over $200$, they will be reimbursed a portion of their grad fee.*
* *The grads had a successful bottle drive in October, they raised $2188.80.*
* *A parent committee has been established to organize prom.*

*Chat GPT & technology*

* *Even with our current cell phone policy, we are still having some issues with devices. New programs, like Chat GPT and other apps are making it difficult to detect cheating and plagiarism. Staff take cheating and plagiarism seriously and always want to be certain an incident has occurred before addressing students.*

*The immersion program*

* *Several staff members attended the public forum at Delta Saint John on the proposed changes to the FI system. There was a strong turnout, approximately 350 people attended to voice their concerns and seek information about the new program. After consultations and reviewing the input from teachers, parents and the public, the province decided to leave the current program as is for next year.*

*Courses*

* *Staff are curious as to your input on split classes and course selection at BRHS. Our staffing numbers are fixed and based on student enrollment; however, the school does have some flexibility on how they assign staff members. Within the given allotment would you prefer to see fewer middle school split classes with less selection for high school electives or more middle school split classes with more options for high school electives?*

Follow up to report:

* + Parents would like more info about AI programs and apps such as Chat GPT from district or province. Some parents are unaware these programs exist and are therefore unable to monitor their children using them.
  + Parents would like to receive surveys through email for input regarding courses, school events, ways to improve the school, etc.

1. Principal report
   * Please see Mrs. McFadden’s principal report

Follow up to report:

* + Talk of student numbers prompted a discussion about school zoning. Parents would rather have Norton elementary merge with Belleisle elementary than have BES merge with BRHS. Norton elementary is now within the Valley Waters zone.

1. Cafeteria
   * Food safety course was completed through Kredls. At least one member needs to have their certification for cafeteria to operate. Sales are going well. Hoping to have the cafeteria opened 4 days a week, leaving Tuesdays available for the culinary tech class to sell food items. Would like to eventually serve to the elementary school.
   * Photos of food from the cafeteria to be posted on the Doings from the Den Facebook page.
2. From the community
   * A community member had a concern regarding a TNB play held at the school for students. Students do have the option to opt-out of viewing a presentation or play they do not wish to attend.
   * Issue last year with yearbooks and grad class. Some parents of grads bought yearbooks not knowing they were included in grad fee.
3. Question round
   * Can we do a cell phone challenge to promote mental health? A cell phone lock-up challenge was proposed with the goal of promoting student mental health. Ideas about receiving funding (Bell Lets Talk campaign) for prizes was suggested. Discussion about the parameters regarding the challenge was started but nothing was finalized.