

## Fundy Middle and High School - PSCC Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2020

Meeting conducted through a ZOOM platform.

Attendees:

Donna Domres (Chair), Krista Kernighan, Jennifer Smith, Mary Chevarie, Josie Chevarie (Student Representative), Lindsay Thompson, Darlene Thompson, Holly Hannan, Shane Borthwick, Shawn Draper, Sadie Gagner, Robert MacDougall and Patrick McDade (Principal)

- 1) Welcome provided by Donna Domres
- 2) Review of the minutes.

It was noted that the minutes from the March meeting were not received on time and therefore were not reviewed.

- 3) Standing Item - Community Engagement: The primary method of communication was reviewed by Mr. McDade. The school messenger service has been funded by District Office for the last two years. It has not been confirmed to date whether or not it will be covered for the 2020-21 school year.

### NEW Business

- 1) Graduation Ceremony: Mr. McDade expressed regret that the celebration of graduates will not be as expected.

He outlined the District guidelines for the Diploma Ceremony that are pairing with the current Public Health Guidelines for COVID-19.

Ceremony will be held on June 15, 2020 (Rain date June 16, 2020)

- The outside gathering will be less than 50 people
- Physical distancing will be respected in all areas

The sequence will be as follows. Beginning mid-afternoon the graduates will receive their diploma in a drive thru fashion. Starting alphabetically 10 graduates at a time will line up in their vehicle with as many guests as their vehicle will hold. The local fire department and FMHS staff will be on hand to direct the flow of traffic and provide instructions to each vehicle driver on how to proceed. The first vehicle will arrive at the waiting area. The graduate and family (all those in the vehicle) will be given permission to exit the vehicle, prepare themselves and then proceed to the designated area to receive their diploma and awards. A photographer will be available to take pictures. As the first graduate is receiving their diploma the second vehicle will be given permission to exit their vehicle. Once the diploma is received, they will return to their vehicle and be instructed to exit the property. This sequence will continue until all 89 graduates receive their diploma. The pictures will be included in the virtual graduation ceremony. Only two car loads of people will be outside their vehicle at any given time.

Virtual Ceremony: On Thursday evening, June 18, 2020 at 7pm there will be virtual pre recorded ceremony broadcasted on social media. This ceremony will include remarks from the superintendent, FMHS administration, valedictorian and salutatorian. The goal of the virtual ceremony is to deliver a celebration of our graduates as close to a typical face to face ceremony. This will be prepared by FMHS staff.

Community Grad Events: It was noted that a parent committee of graduates are working with the town of St. George to develop a plan to honor FMHS graduates. This plan was shared with administration however they are not involved with these events. Events will include: photo sessions throughout the town, grad banners and a driving tour grand march.

Transcripts: If not delivered to the graduates during the ceremony, they will be mailed out or emailed in a PDF format.

The marks for second semester 2020 will be recorded as “credit” or “enrolled”. Credit will be given to those who demonstrated evidence of closing the

knowledge gap and enrolled if they were simply enrolled in the course. All students will be promoted to the next grade level.

Safe Grad: Josie Chevarie indicated the grade 11 students were working on a plan for a “safe grad” event.

## 2) Online Learning and Next Year Start Up

A discussion of what is known at this point was facilitated by Mr. McDade. He could indicate the number of students participating on class TEAMS sites. He could report the differences in the use of technology among staff members and students. He also commended the staff for their effort to provide on line learning.

Next year, it will be assumed there will be a combination of face to face and on line instruction. This will be interchangeable at any given point in time. Attendance will be mandatory, there will be marks given for all courses and more class engagement will be expected.

Mr. McDade provided information on the upcoming Guided Learning Plans. This is intended for teachers to outline outcomes per unit for each course from grades 6 to 12. This will give students and families an opportunity to track their individual progression throughout the course. It will also enable students to pace themselves and will give those students who meet outcomes earlier with enrichment opportunities. Josie provided positive feedback on the use of Guided Learning Plans.

FMHS staff will be involved in professional development focused on the use of the TEAMS platform. A parent tutorial on the use of TEAMS was suggested by Sadie.

Struggles of on line learning was expressed by a number of members of the PSCC. These included, lack of internet connections, parents working from home, lack of technology available, and individual motivation of students.

Mr. McDade mentioned that some high school students will chose to repeat a course that they were enrolled in during the pandemic. This will ensure a level of understanding is achieved prior advancement.

Next meeting scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Krista Kernighan