

GMCS/WHES PSSC Meeting Minutes- November 19. 2018

Attendance: Rose Hogenbirk, Jenna Rideout, Luke Anderson, Emily Ingersoll, Allison Hayman, Sally Cogswell

Regrets: Duska Ingalls, Gina Urquhart, Sherman Ross

1. Principal's Report

In the past month, the school has participated in a number of fundraisers- to benefit the GMCS playground fund. Students sold bags of Aroma Maya coffee and also sold produce boxes through Dave's Produce Packs. We hope to make the produce boxes available monthly as an on-going fundraiser as long as we continue to get orders.

On October 22, 18 students (primarily Grade 10) and a teacher received free First Aid Training through St. John Ambulance.

For professional learning, I was away on from the 24-26 of October for the High School Assessment Conference and Provincial Principals' Meetings in Fredericton. The two best sessions I attended were on working with students with trauma and signs of compassion fatigue. Our high school teachers are focusing on a book study about assessment so lots of relevant info at the assessment conference that could be brought back. Assessment is a School Improvement Plan focus area.

Grade 11 and 12 students attended Post-Secondary Career Expo on the mainland on October 29. Our fall immunization clinic for Grades 7 and 9 was Nov 2. The school held a Remembrance Day service on Nov. 8th. Take Our Kids to Work Day was held Nov. 13th- with the majority of high school students participating. Numbers for attendance have been lower in high school over the past week due to opening week of lobster fishing.

We had a PL/ Report card day on Nov 9th. We had our first snow day of the year on November 16th.

Teacher Andrew Jones received a Ministers Award for Excellence in Education at a ceremony in Fredericton on Nov. 17th.

2. Cannabis Use information – info from the NB Health Council. PSSC members reviewed handout of information. Sally shared that MADD is doing sessions for High School students on Dec 7th. Topic is driving high instead of their usual drunk driving multimedia presentation. PSSC members welcome to attend. Sally will e-mail out times for sessions.
3. Know More session on Opioid Use- more info to come- Date: Dec 3.
4. Policy 703 and EECD Behaviour tracking Form (this was added to agenda at request of PSSC members) – School Code of Conduct is based primarily on Policy 703 expectations. Members looked at the Code of Conduct which is posted on the school website. Discussion around behavior tracking form. PSSC members feel it would be good to send a copy of the code of conduct home (maybe in brochure form). They also suggested highlighting that repeated offences are handled differently.

5. Other: Date for January meeting to be set after the holidays. Rose announced that the clothing drive is December 1st if parents can help spread the word of the date. Luke shared that there's an article on Facebook about the Difference between 2008 and 2018 re: cell phones and social media and impact on youth. There was an inquiry re: Grade 2 LA Assessment result. Sally will check to see if embargo is lifted.