

SSMS PSSC meeting 9th Jan 2018

PSSC minutes

Zoe Watson emailed all about the Spring Symposium. All PSSC minutes need to be posted online. Bronwyn will collate from our prior PSSC emails.

Tell Them From Me Survey

This is a pupil voice survey which looks at student engagement, safety and involvement. Students met with school leaders to discuss the value and importance of the survey and what it would be used for. This meant that students impressed on each other the importance of taking the online survey seriously. School has just received the report.

- Staff will look at the data and then share with parents.
- The survey has been completed for the past few years. This will allow the school to look at trends and how the views and perceptions of a cohort of pupils has changed as they moved through G6, G7 and G8.
- The data will be compared with Canadian norms as well as similar schools to SSMS (population size, rural etc)
- Results will be posted online.

Professional learning

Jan 19th is the next PL day. Teachers will work on report cards in the morning and then attend a PL session in the afternoon. The focus will be Trauma Informed Classrooms. Jen Grant will lead and the content will cover mental health, anxiety and depression in young people.

Bronwyn mentioned that there is a national training programme called Mental Health First Aid that is available to all in the Education system. Jen grant can provide more information if required.

Teacher Perception Survey

Teachers took part in this survey in December. The results are not back yet and should be available soon.

Theatre Project

Further discussions have taken place with John Ames. He is looking at funding grants through Heritage Canada.

Some school fundraising has taken place. As well as the Halloween fundraiser, some students raised money by selling hot drinks and candy canes before Christmas. They donated \$300 raised to the fund. The chair campaign should start soon. This should be able to give the fundraising pot a significant boost and make the project more tangible.

The district was emailed to confirm their contribution. They have agreed to cover the cost of the flooring (approx. \$30k). They are also exploring being able to cover the lighting under the current initiative to ensure LED lighting.

Charitable receipts can be given for any donation over £20. This will entitle donators to claim tax relief on their donation.

Upcoming School Events

Bilingual Winter Carnival

- 2 weeks before March Break.
- Acadian parade
- French meal/Acadian dishes planned.

Science fair

- All students to do a science project.
- Focus to be scientific method and inquiry.
- Grade 6 will present Mon 26th Feb AM
- Grade 7 will present Mon 26th Feb PM
- Grade 8 will present Tues 27th Feb AM
- Top 10 from each grade will present in a school wide fair on the 28th. Outside judges will be visiting to assess the projects.
- Top 6 from the school will go to the regional fair.

Heritage fair

Heritage fair projects will be due at the end of April. SSMS will host the regional Heritage Fair on 3rd May.

Ski Trips

The Grade 8 ski trip is scheduled for Jan 25th.

The Grade 6 ski trip is scheduled for Jan 30th.

Cost will be in the region for \$40. Students will need to bring lunch but all equipment is provided.

Next meeting to be 21st February 2018 (Note 3rd Wed of the month not 2nd)