St. Stephen High School

PSSC Minutes

Date: May 27th, 2019

Location: SSHS Work Room

Present: Krista / Juanita / Tammy / Nancy / Adam / Jenn

Regrets: Bruce / Tanya

Meeting time started – 6:00 pm

Meeting time ended – 7:15pm

Staffing – It is course selection time at SSHS and we have built our schedule with a starting number of 32.5 staff. We are down one from last year due to the small size of the Grade 8 classes coming over. Currently all the Grade 11 students are scheduled and the Grade 10’s will pick this week. We have 2 retirements this year, Andrea Ring and Dawna Stewart.

Measles – 6 confirmed cases in the Saint John area at this time – some adults some students. Public Health is manning the ship and we are following their lead. We do have some kids at this school who are not vaccinated and some with a compromised immune system. We have been assured that we will be contacted should there be a case in our area.

ELPA – Results are in. They are still under embargo so we cannot share them at this time. There were no major surprises and the results will be shared in the fall and interventions will be planned accordingly to ensure students are successful in obtaining ELPA.

Clean Play – Parents / Coaches / Students have all had a chance to have their voice heard. We are waiting to have the information compiled and we will then move forward with what this will look like in the fall. A huge thank you to Heather Bell-Williams and Melissa Brown who chaired these meetings for us.

Vaping – Continues to be an issue province wide, not just SSHS. RCMP have partnered with us to begin to crack down and fines have been issued. The district is currently developing a standard protocol so it is handled the same across the district. Students are highly addicted and we are looking at providing more education in the fall for them on top of what we have already done this year.

SPR – Department Heads will up for renewal, technically they are every year but If admin are satisfied with the work being done we do not have to have a renewal until 3 years. This is the first time in many years that they are being opened up. The only position that is not is our resource SPR as Darren is only in his 2nd year.

Grade 8 Orientation – the annual tour will be tomorrow to get students acquainted with SSHS before their first day in the fall. They will arrive at 8:45am and depart just after 10 am. They will be given the basics of how the school works, get a talk from our leadership team and then be given a tour of the school.

Graduation – Graduation ceremonies will return to SSHS this year. One of the key factors was the horrible sound quality at the civic center. We will have air conditions in place to cool the gym off and staff will have it set up for our graduation.