

## Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

### MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 2018 – 5:30 pm, Room C22

#### **Present:**

Nathan Langille - Acting Principal  
Rhonda Baker Gordon - Chair  
Coleen Gorman-Asal - Vice-Chair  
Kim Kelly  
Wendy Wright-Gardner

Karen Flinn  
Jason Farris  
Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative  
K. Burns – Student Representative  
Stephanie Haslam - DEC Representative

#### **Regrets:**

Joey Bernard  
Pam Kitchen  
Tracey Burkhardt

### **1. Welcome**

R. Baker Gordon welcomed the group.

#### **Approvals**

Agenda - Motion to approve agenda made by Coleen Gorman-Asal and seconded by Karen Flinn. All in favour.

Minutes – Minutes from November 26, 2018 meeting were approved prior to meeting via email.

### **2. SPR Growth Goal Presentations**

#### **Business, Technology & Family Studies– Mrs. Natalie Ramirez**

Mrs. Ramirez gave an overview of the Professional Growth Goals for this department. Goal is that 80% of teachers will participate in implementing one new technology-based learning assignment into the curriculum. She circulated subject by subject goals and how they will incorporate technology.

#### **Mathematics – Mr. Martin Probert**

Mr. Probert advised that a resource binder was created last year for his department. He circulated the Professional Growth Goals and one goal is to help students with time management during math assessments. Focus will be on helping to reduce anxiety and learn to prioritize during testing. A new lunch club called ABACUS will be held on Thursdays at lunch to focus on time management skills.

#### **Fine Arts – Mr. Craig Woodcock**

Mr. Woodcock advised his department's Professional Growth Goals include improving graduates post-secondary enrolment in Fine Arts programs. One initiative is to bring guests in who are working in Fine Arts in various roles to expose students to different possibilities.

#### **Methods & Resource – Mrs. Katharine Hartnett**

Mrs. Hartnett circulated her department's Professional Growth goal and focus is on trying to promote a positive and professional learning environment. A challenge is staffing with annual turnover rate of 50%. She explained PLPs (personal learning plans), PLOPs (Present Level of Performance), and accommodations.

### **3. Carry-Forward Business**

PSST World – Committee members were asked to review the information prepared by District staff in advance of tonight’s meeting. A motion was made by Kim Kelly and seconded by Jason Farris to accept the document as submitted. All were in favour. Agreed if concerns unfold in the future, we can address at that time.

Acting Principal Mr. Langille advised that PSSC member representation was requested on the following committees:

- ASD-W Memorial Guidelines – Agreed that Wendy Wright-Gardner would be the PSSC representative on the committee that will incorporate this guideline at FHS.
- Safe Grad – Kim Kelly agreed to participate on this committee. (second semester)
- School Improvement Plan (SIP) – PSSC member to participate in development of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Both Wendy Wright-Gardner and Karen Flinn expressed interest. Agreed Karen would be the representative. (second semester)

PSSC Budget – The group discussed possible budget expenditure ideas and agreed to gather more information on few items for discussion at January’s meeting.

- Partner with Guidance on speaker for a Parent’s Night (sub-committee to work on this)
- Posters for parent/teacher interview – will confirm if required.
- School signage to communicate the student drop off zone to parents – W. Wright-Gardner will talk to staff to see what would be required, including a cost estimate.
- Teacher/staff appreciation week – spent \$250 last year.
- Course Selection booklet – spent \$2,200 last year.
- Welcome to FHS document for Grade 9 and new families.

#### Student Report

K. Burns provided an update on the activities of the SRC. He advised that the Film Festival did not have great attendance and will be linked to another event in next year’s planning. Upcoming events include Battle of the Bands, Lock-in, Mr. Mardi Gras. SRC is also looking at student recognition. One idea is to post recognition items on Homeroom Teacher’s doors. There will also be a Heroes Breakfast.

### **4. Closing Comments and Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

*Minutes prepared by: Kim Kelly*