

Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

MINUTES

Monday, December 2, 2019 – 5:30 pm, Room C22

Present:

Shane Thomas, Principal

Tracey Burkhardt, Chair

Pamela Kitchen, Vice-Chair

Karen Flinn

Kim Kelly

Hayley Morgan

Wendy Wright-Gardner

Joey Bernard

Keegan Burns, Student Representative

Charlee Versloot, Student Representative

Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative

Ginger Nicholson

Pam Shanks

Katherine Sidenius

Regrets:

Karen Tamlyn

Laura O'Brien - DEC Representative

1. Welcome

Tracey Burkhardt welcomed the group.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of October 28, 2019 were approved with amendments related to a few typographical errors. Motion to approve minutes made by W.Wright-Gardner and seconded by K.Flinn. All in were in favour.

3. Election of Community Members

P. Shanks and K. Sidenius attended meeting to learn more about the one remaining community member position. Given the number of meetings, K. Sidenius declined and P. Shanks was acclaimed as the community member.

4. Reports

SRC update

Keegan Burns and Charlee Versloot provided an update of the activities of the SRC.

- Socktober was great success with over 600 items collected for local charities.
- Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov 7th went smoothly.
- Battle of the Band begins this week.
- Holiday Formal is being planned for Dec 12th.
- Renaissance Club is getting started.
- NB Student Leadership Conference – students attended recent conference.

DEC Representative's Report

No report for this meeting.

Teacher Representative's Report

Mr. Rutledge gave an update on some activities:

- Phys Ed Dept – C. Appleby is developing a blue print for lifelong career planning and it will start with Grade 10's in PDCP. New intramural programs are now 5 days per week at lunchtime.

Willie O'Ree recently visited school. Terry Fox event was held. Outdoor Pursuits had two successful overnight camping trips. Rick Cotter Classic (varsity basketball tournament) is in two weeks.

- Social Studies Dept. & Science Dept. – climate change has been the focus for Fall classes. Students participated in talks with Gwynne Dywer, Carl Duivenvoorden and former Vice-President, Al Gore. Had high school voting program during recent federal election. World Issues 120 Class is having a student-led mental health day. A student has met with the Minister of Education twice to discuss school day care for young mothers.
- Police officer presence – teachers and students have been concerned about the lack of police presence.

Principal's Report

Mr. Thomas provided an update on recent activities.

- Police Officer position at school – Mr. Thomas had previously advised of meetings with Chief Brown and others. Police presence since that time has not been what was expected. A meeting is going to be held tomorrow to discuss concerns. PSSC members expressed concern about this issue and think it is important that Chief Brown is aware of our concerns and the impact on our school, teachers and students. It was agreed a letter would be drafted detailing PSSC concerns.
- Admin team participated in non-violent crisis intervention training.
- Canadian Student Leadership Conference – FHS is hosting in 2021. Teachers and students have been taking training to prepare.
- Essential Skills program – Mr. Thomas gave details on a new program at the school to develop skills for approx. 6-12 students.

5. Carry Forward Business

Discussion regarding SPR Reports – Mr. Thomas had shared the SPR's goals electronically. PSSC members sent questions via the Chair. Mr. Thomas gave a verbal response to the various questions.

Budget – reviewed the list of possible budget expenses and reduced list to those items still applicable. Mr. Thomas will get previous year costing for a detailed discussion at next PSCC meeting. One of the ideas was looking at signage in language of local First Nations.

Speaker on Vaping – T. Burkhardt will follow up with D. Dymond regarding speaker for event in April 2020.

Memorial guidelines – PSSC member asked for an update on guidelines at a future meeting.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm made by J. Bernard and seconded by K. Kelly.

Next meeting: December 16 , 2019

Minutes prepared by: Kim Kelly