

Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

MINUTES

Monday, April 29, 2019 – 5:30 pm, Room C22

Present:

Shane Thomas – Principal

Rhonda Baker Gordon - Chair

Coleen Gorman-Asal - Vice-Chair

Wendy Wright-Gardner

Tracey Burkhardt

Kim Kelly

Joey Bernard

Pamela Kitchen

Karen Flinn

Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative

K. Burns– Student Representative

V. Khaitan – Student Representative

Regrets:

Jason Farris

• Welcome

R. Baker Gordon welcomed the group and reviewed agenda. Motion to approve agenda made by Wendy Wright-Gardner and seconded by Pamela Kitchen.

Minutes from March 25, 2019 meeting were approved by email and have been posted on website.

• Reports

DEC Report

R. Baker Gordon advised DEC chair Kimberley Douglas to provide any updates for PSSC until a replacement for S. Haslam is identified. A question was asked if PSSC members felt a DEC rep was necessary at our next meeting and it was determined this was not necessary. R. Baker Gordon agreed that if PSSC members had questions for DEC, they could contact her and she would forward on for response.

Student Representative's Report

V. Khaitan and K. Burns gave their report of SRC activities. TP the Town's final day was on April 27, 2019. Goal was 25,000 items of toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, etc. Mr. Mardi Gras was held on April 25, 2019 with 505 attendees. SRC applications are now out for any interested students. A question was asked about attendance this year for events. Reps confirmed Welcome to the Jungle had 500 attendees and Battle of the Bands had 350. The Holiday event was not well attended and the Halloween event was cancelled.

Teacher's Report

Mr. Rutledge advised he had three issues brought forward from teachers. First issue was vaping and question was asked if there was more that PSSC could be doing. T. Burkhardt gave update on discussion with Public Health. She has contact name for possible speaker session for parents. S. Thomas advised that the school police officer is now issuing fines for vaping.

The second issue raised was second semester attendance. This prompted discussion about the communication process for advising teachers/school when a student is not able to attend. Email should be sent to homeroom teacher and then the subject teacher. PSSC members discussed the benefit of having a Meet the Teacher night for second semester. The group agreed that a survey would be conducted at the Fall Meet the Teacher to gauge interest in adding this event.

Mr. Rutledge advised that the Cultural Diversity group was waiting to hear approval for food for this

event. Mr. Thomas confirmed since it was a lunch time event and parents were not a part of it, he would help assist with funding.

Principal's Report

Mr. Thomas gave an update on the following:

- Upcoming events – May 3 – no school; May 8 – Turnaround Achievement Awards; May 9 – Black Kat Scholar; May 13 & 14 – AP exams; May 29 – Grade 8 parents; May 30 – Heroes Breakfast; May 30 – What's Up Doc; June 10-13 – exams; June 17-Prom; June 20-Grad and Safe Grad; May 13-17-LBGT –flying rainbow pride flag as requested by GSA
- Parent Teacher meetings – attendance: Thursday-527, Friday-409
- International Student Program – needs host families
- Grade 12's – grad sheet has been circulated

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- School Improvement Plan (SIP) – K. Flinn provided update on progress to date. Plan is to bring SIP document to the PSSC in the Fall.

- **Carry-Forward Business**

PSSC Budget Discussion – R. Baker Gordon provided information on the list of budget items discussed. Plan is to have the list as a living document. W. Wright-Gardner advised that she had received a question about signage. Mr. Thomas will confirm what was ordered. SRC is organizing a TED/EX for May 28/19. Future events may require PSSC financial support so will be added to the list.

PSSC pamphlets – K. Kelly provided pamphlets and holder to Mr. Thomas.

Graduation ceremony - any interested PSSC members may have a reserved seat for the event and should contact sherry.wilkins@nbed.nb.ca.

- **Closing Comments and Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. Next meeting is May 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Kim Kelly