

Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2019 – 5:30 pm, Room C22

Present:	Wendy Wright-Gardner
Shane Thomas, Principal	Joey Bernard
Tracey Burkhardt, Chair	Keegan Burns, Student Representative
Pamela Kitchen, Vice-Chair	Charlee Versloot, Student Representative
Karen Flinn	Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative
Kim Kelly	Laura O'Brien - DEC Representative
Karen Tamlyn	Ginger Nicholson
	Hayley Morgan

1. Welcome

Tracey Burkhardt welcomed the group.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of September 30, 2019 were approved with amendments related to the spelling of attendees' names. Motion to approve minutes made by Pamela Kitchen and seconded by Joey Bernard. All in were in favour.

3. Election of Community Members

The committee agreed to the election of Hayley Morgan as a community member for a one year term. There is still one outstanding community member position available. Mr. Thomas will send message to parents to see if any interest in this last position. Mr. Thomas reviewed the contact information with members

4. Reports

SRC update

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

- Grade 9 welcome week was a success.
- Battle of the Bands auditions start this week.
- Renaissance Club is new this year.
- Missing the presence of the school police officer.
- Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov 7th.
- Question asked how SRC communicates to students. Answer is social media, homeroom classes, cafeteria, posters around school and morning announcements.
- May trial notes of recognition for students and staff.
- Yearbook company has provided a pamphlet that SRC will review to see if it would be appropriate to circulate to all parents.

DEC Representative's Report

Laura O'Brien provided an update on recent DEC activities. A public meeting was held to discuss sustainability of schools in Florenceville, Bath and Bristol. A green paper was recently released and the DEC has not yet decided on a response. Budget is on track. DEC has not discussed the issue of police officers at high schools.

Teacher Representative's Report

Mr. Rutledge advised the growth goals have been completed for the departments. Katherine Hartnett's M&R group organized an open house for transition to life on October 23, 2019. A number of agencies (Best Buddies, Neil Squire, NBACL, Camp Rotary, etc.) were in attendance with the focus on what students can do when they transition from high school in the 18-21 age.

Laura McCarron From the Social Studies department is doing file research on soldiers and would like anyone with ancestors who fought in the First World War to contact her. Mr. Rutledge will let her know that W. Wright-Gardner, G. Nicholson, P.Kitchen and T. Burkhardt have ancestors that would be appropriate.

Louise LaBerge from PDCP is having students write out their personal mission statements and this will be on display during Parent/Teacher interviews.

Principal's Report

Mr. Thomas provided an update on recent activities.

- Police Officer position at school – Mr. Thomas has met with City Police Chief Brown, Principal Sturgeon from LHHS and the District Superintendent to discuss the elimination of the police resource officer position at both high schools. Chief Brown has confirmed that there will be a continued police presence at the schools based on staffing levels and shifts.
- Fighting – Mr. Thomas advised there have been a few events on and off school property and administrative staff are working with the police to address.
- Safety week- safety procedures including fire drill, evaluation, mock power outage have been completed.
- NB School Wellness Survey – Mr. Thomas reviewed some of the results from the recent survey. His plan is to review with guidance department and develop a plan to address. He gave T. Burkhardt the package to review and hand back to him in January. Any PSSC member interested in also reviewing is requested to email T. Burkhardt.
- Report cards are handed out on Nov 4th. Take Our Kids to Work day on Nov 6th. Parent/Teacher interviews are on Nov 7th and 8th.
- Immunization –Public Health Nurses are assisting with sending letters to students.

5. Carry Forward Business

Term 2 Meet the Teacher Night – the group discussed holding a Meet the Teacher Night for the second term. Motion made to organize an Open House for the Second Term was approved. Event will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

Plan for SPR Reports –Mr. Thomas has shared the SPR's goals electronically. Committee members will bring forward any questions or concerns to T. Burkhardt and she will share with Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas will forward to new member H. Morgan.

Budget – deferred to future meeting.

6. New Business

Speaker on Vaping – T. Burkhardt continues to look for speaker on vaping. There is a new initiative from Health Canada that may be appropriate and T. Burkhardt will look into further. May be able to

link with the Meet the Teacher event in February.

Meetings for 2019/2020 – November 25, December 16, January 27, February 24, March 30, April 27, May 25. The committee had previously agreed that if school is cancelled or if activities after school are cancelled, the PSSC meeting will be postponed to the next Monday.

7. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Next meeting: November 26 , 2019

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