

Fredericton High School Parent School Support Committee

MINUTES

Monday, December 14, 2020 – Virtual

Present:	Karen Tamlyn
Stephanie Underhill Tomilson, Principal	Hayley Morgan
Tracey Burkhardt, Chair	Andrew Rutledge - Teacher Representative
Pamela Kitchen, Vice-Chair	Amanda Zhang- Student Representative
Kim Kelly	Charlee Versloot – Student Representative
Joey Bernard	Laura O’Brien – DEC Representative
Karen Flinn	Ginger Nicholson
Wendy Wright-Gardner	Jamal Abuzayed
Pam Shanks	

1. Welcome

Tracey Burkhardt welcomed the group to the virtual meeting.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion made by P. Kitchen to approve agenda.

3. Approval of minutes from November 23, 2020

Motion made by P. Kitchen to approve draft minutes for the November 23, 2020 meeting as circulated by email. Seconded by K. Tamlyn.

4. Reports

Student representative update – C. Versloot gave an update. Recent Cake Walk went well. SRC is planning school spirit events for the holidays. SRC is finalizing prices for the banners that they would like PSSC to help support. Pulse survey is in progress. FHS was supposed to host the Canadian Student Leadership conference next year but all plans are on hold given pandemic.

DEC update – Laura O’Brien gave the following updates from the DEC meeting on Dec 10/20:

- New Indigenous Lead – Sarah Francis is the new lead helping the District with school curriculum for First Nations Culture and Programs.
- Feedback– DEC has gathered teacher feedback and now they plan to ask parents for feedback. She asked PSSC if there are any specific concerns and the following issues were raised: Teams has made it easier for assignments, downside is limited group work, perception is that other schools like ESA are getting instruction on virtual days, concerns about student mental health and how they are coping with the social aspect and isolation, students are feeling alone and that they have to figure out some things themselves, concerns about amount of time online, concerns about Grade 12 students not getting their grad year experience. L. O’Brien will take comments back to the working group and PSSC members can send any additional comments to her via email.

Teacher representative update – A. Rutledge advised that teachers are working on what final assessments will look like in consideration of the priority curriculum.

Principal update - S. Tomilson provided update on the following:

- 12 days of Christmas - plans had to be cancelled due to orange zone. Items handed out

on a PL day.

- COVID-19 – recent case associated with FHS was handed well with Public Health as the lead. Administration and staff switched to online learning with twelve hours notice. Good learning experience for any future occurrences.
- Money for technology for teachers to help with online learning.
- PL/SIP – FHS is not part of the pilot but is able to use the new framework.
- January assessments – trying to identify ways to determine proof of skill, also looking at those students who have not been successful and how they can be supported.
- Advanced placement program – S. Tomilson sits on committees at the Atlantic Provides and national levels and hopes to introduce a program at FHS in the future. She will share information once more developed but not likely that something would be in place this Fall. Minister Cardy has AP capstone program in his green paper.

5. Discussion items

Budget – need to get final numbers for SRC banners and Welcome signs.

6. Adjournment and Next meeting

Motion to adjourn made by K. Kelly. Next PSSC meeting planned for January 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Kim Kelly