**TOBIQUE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**290 Main Street**

**Plaster Rock, NB**

**E7G 2C6**

PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Date:** November 28, 2017 **Time:** 6:30pm

TVHS – Room 102

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Emma Giberson, Student Rep  Megan Fraser, Student Rep.  Sarah Briggs  Krista Kukurski  Cindy Eccleston  **Regrets**:  Tammy Albert  Lisa Ashworth  Johanne Levesque Murray | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Trena MacDonald, Principal  Danielle Fillmore, Vice Principal  **DEC Representative**  Tanya Adams |

Meeting was called to order by Trena MacDonald

A motion was made to approve the agenda

Moved: Sarah Briggs Seconded: Krista Kukurski Motion carried

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 26th meeting.

Moved: Krista Kukurski Seconded: Sarah Briggs Motion carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

* None.

**Principal’s Report:**

* Middle school and high school soccer teams have finished their season.
* We have several basketball teams to start off our season. Middle school boys and girls, high school boys and high school girls. There at 18 middle school boys interested in forming a team. Middle school boys will be coached by Katie Cooper; middle school girls coached by Joline Girouard; high school boys coached by Tyrell Porter and high school girls coached by Melissa Ouellette.
* The high school boys hockey team hosted a home tournament on November 24th and 25, and it was won by Hartland Huskies.
* We also have drama, clogging, chess and art club available for students.
* Cathleen Rideout, our EA, was offered a permanent position on November 14th.
* Grade 11 students travelled to Woodstock on October 17th to watch a Ballet Performance with a theme of Domestic Violence. Mrs. MacDonald received many positive comments from the students on the performance.
* We have completed three fire drills and a lockdown drill prior to October 20th.
* AARO College Fair was at Tobique Valley on October 23rd. All students in grades 10 – 12 were given an opportunity to visit the booths which were set up in the gymnasium.
* Attendance letters were sent home at the end of October for students who had 10+ absences.
* November 1st is set aside by the Department for Grade 9 students - “Take Your Kid To Work’ (TYKTW) Day. Twenty four out of twenty nine students participated.
* Nov 1st – 3rd: Trena MacDonald attended the Provincial Principal’s Meetings in Fredericton.
* Report Cards were given to middle and high school students on November 20th.
* Administration spoke to six students on November 7th and 8th re academic probation. Those students were given two weeks to improve their academic situation.
* Administration also spoke with four student who are still failing one or more courses on their report card; they now have two weeks to meet with their teacher, show improvement or be benched from the sport in which they participate. One student is currently not permitted to play sports – failing all subjects.
* Parent/Teacher interviews were held on Thursday, November 23rd in the evening and on the morning of Friday, November 24th.
* Beyond the Hurt students will be leaving for WE Day in Halifax on Wednesday, November 29th.
* A Mount A representative spoke to Grade 11 and 12 students on November 21st.
* A $5000. donation for our outdoor fitness area was received from World Pond Hockey.
* The school Remembrance Day Service was on November 9th and many of the Legion members were here to participate in the ceremony.
* November 16th and 17th have been set aside for grade 12 students to make appointments to have their Grad Photos taken by Life Touch for the 2018 Yearbook and personal packages should they wish to order.
* Josten’s Ring Day will be tomorrow on November 29th. The representative will be set up in the cafeteria at noon.
* One parent has called the school to express an interest in the PSSC. She was not available tonight because of her work schedule, but hopes to be available to attend the January meeing.
* Trena passed out the SIP (School Improvement Plan) and went over it with the committee. Staff contributes to the SIP as a working document and it changes and gets updated throughout the year. The members were asked to read through this document and Trena will answer any questions at the next meeting.
* Students will fill out the Data Survey Forms in the Computer room next week These forms will be collated into a report called ‘Our School’.

**NEW INITIATIVES**

* To improve students’ feelings of connectedness with the school, one of the SIP goals was to celebrate all birthdays with a balloon tied with a treat. These would be delivered once a month on the ‘Thank You Thursdays’ by the School Panther Mascot.
* “BE KIND, JUST BECAUSE” – anti-bullying/harassment to be recognized on several days, not just one day a year. These t-shirts were sold for $5. and there are specific days during the month to wear them and receive a treat.

Students who expressed interest in having a t-shirt but had financial difficulties, some staff members bought t-shirts for these students.

**SCHEDULING**

* Several new students in grades 6 – 9 have enrolled at the beginning of the year until present. This has caused two classes to be over the maximum limit. Grade 8 and grade 9 both are at 29 students, the limit with unforeseen circumstances. Administration will be trying to adjust the schedule to make classes manageable without increased staff. This required a couple of scheduling changes at the beginning of the year and for second semester.
* A small group of students have registered for Physics 122 for semester 2, but the assigned teacher, Mrs. Grandy is needed to teach Math 8. Physics 122 is offered online for any students who wish to register and Mrs. Grandy would be available to offer assistance.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

* The hats and mitts have arrived today from the sales of the SRC Fundraiser.
* In October, each middle school class decorated a scarecrow and donated it to the Village of Plaster Rock for their Halloween maze.
* A bake sale was organized for October 30th.
* November activities were red and black day, hat day (tomorrow) and mustache day.
* December activities will include ugly sweater day; red and green day; Christmas hat day and pajama day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Welcome to Tanya Adams, our DEC Representative for Sub-district #1.
* We have nominated a chairperson, Sarah Briggs, and she has accepted the position.
* We also nominated a co-chairperson, Krista Kukurski, and she accepted this position.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Kimberly Douglas, DEC Chairperson, is asking each PSSC chairperson to meet with her in Woodstock. More information will be announced.
* The Spring Symposium will be in Fredericton on May 4, 5 and 6. If anyone can go, please give their name to Trena or Tanya. The DEC will pay for all lodging.
* The next DEC public meeting will be on December 14th.
* Each DEC member attends 2 meetings per month. One meeting is a working meeting and the other is a public meeting.
* DEC minutes are posted on the asd-w website.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

6:30pm

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Meeting adjournred.