

PSSC Meeting Agenda- November 25, 2020

Present- Shauna, Charmaine, Steve, Pat, Amy, Tiffany, Melanie, Jaclyn, Amanda, Heather (DEC)

Regrets- Christa, Jodie, Angela

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was held virtually due to Orange Phase mandated by Public Health. Amy presented the agenda on screen.

2. Review of Topics Discussed at October's Meeting

-Topics Reviewed:

Shauna appointed Chair and Christa appointed Vice-Chair

Highlighting PSSC's Roles

PSSC Budget

Staff Update, Facilities Update, and School Profile

Covid-19 Operational Plan

STOMP Update

District Improvement Goals

Rationale for Changes to Meeting Dates

3. DEC Update- Heather

-Most discussion at DEC level is around Covid-19

-Snow Removal- City of Saint John cutting back on some of this service.

Implications for those who walk to school?

4. Home Reports and Virtual Parent-Teacher Meetings

- Home Reports issued on December 1st. It was explained that there would be some noticeable learning gaps due to the 3 .5 months that students were not in school.
- Some members have children in high school and offered positive feedback about the virtual parent-teacher conferences they attended. The hope is that many Bayside parents will take advantage of this new format on December 3rd and 4th.

5. STOMP Update

- The focus for October and November was Teamwork. Students created a chant and decorated class doors to reflect their team colors. Each class was challenged to sponsor a philanthropy challenge with proceeds going to Children's Wish Foundation.
- The focus for December is Prepared. Each team color will be challenged to collect a food item or personal hygiene item with donations going to Romero House or Coverdale Centre.

6. PSSC Budget- \$1400.00

- Purpose is to enhance communication with families
- Newsletters, Synervoice, community events, brochures, stamps, Mental Health Resources- speakers, etc.

Some Ideas: (all must be linked to School Improvement Plan)

- TV to display morning announcements
- Technology to enhance on-line learning
- Mental Health Resources
- Josten's Presentation

Pat asked for ideas to be sent to Amy and him. It was suggested that a Microsoft survey be developed via Teams for both students and parents to provide input.

7. School Improvement Plan Update

- Focus was on the District's goal to encourage more parent communication and engagement. Tiffany mentioned she is experiencing an unprecedented lack of response from parents when messages by phone or email are sent. She asked for the Committee's input. Is there too much information coming from school and District? Facebook was brought up...seems to be the forum most people pay attention to. Enhance Twitter use? Discussion centered around parents having "checked out". Can there be communication through video?

8. Orange Phase- Current Realities

-Public Health declared Orange Phase on November 21st. Implications for school: Students wear masks in school and outside except when eating, engaged in physical activity, and working silently at seats. Staff to wear masks except when eating and working alone in closed classrooms or offices.

9. Red Phase- What Ifs

- If we move to Red Phase, on-line learning will kick in within a day or two of the announcement. Staff would be required to report to school. Amy presented two scenarios:
 1. An all-day option which would run a 5-period day with a schedule like what students experience during face-to-face learning.
 2. A condensed schedule for the morning only. Afternoons would be reserved for intervention, teacher planning, and communication with parents.

Members of the Committee appeared to favor the second option overwhelmingly.

10. Concerns from the Committee

-Heather asked about our Electronics Policy. It appears as if cell phones use is on the rise in washrooms (Tik Tok, etc.) Amy and Pat mentioned that there have been more reported incidents this year and attribute it to the fact that students have devices in backpacks and not stored in lockers. The policy is still enforced, and incidents are dealt with accordingly.

11. Next Meeting- January 27th, 2021

12. Call to Close