

PSSC Notes- March 24th, 2021

Present- Shauna, Charmaine, Pat, Amy, Tiffany, Melanie, Amanda, Heather, Jodie

Regrets- Steve, Christa, Jaclyn, Angela

1. Call to Order

-Meeting was held virtually. Members celebrated the increased daylight due to the time change.

2. DEC Update- Heather

- Before the official decision was made, the DEC sent a letter to the Minister advocating high school students be in school full time rather than the blended learning scenario.
- DEC elections will be included on the ballot for municipal elections on May 10th. Heather is reoffering.
 - Heather shared feedback from Bayside's PSSC about the high school virtual tours.

3. Review of Enrichment Day- Possible Spring Fling?

- This took place on February 26th. Pat explained the rationale for the events that took place, the cost, and the feedback from students and staff. The consensus was it was a positive day. A similar day may be arranged for late Spring...it would mesh well with attempts for students to experience more social-emotional learning opportunities. The PSSC was once again thanked for sponsoring the Breakout activity.

4. Heritage Fair

-The school Heritage Fair will be held virtually March 25th. Many classes held classroom fairs and some projects will be displayed during the school fair. Winners will be chosen to represent Bayside at the Regional Virtual Fair on May 28th.

5. Grade 8 Farewell

-Covid-friendly events are being planned for all students for the last week of school (June 21st-25th). A team of teachers have taken this on for the Grade 6s and 7s. A group of Grade 8 students have devised a tentative schedule for a Grade 8 Farewell to be held during the day on June 24th. There will be no formal evening activities.

6. Facebook Update

- Melanie and Heather are looking after the logistics and Amy is serving as school liaison. It was reiterated that restrictions are in place and the site is basically for updated information. Could the site somehow be connected to Twitter so that morning announcements could show up on Facebook as well? Melanie mentioned there are currently 113 members.

7. Terms 2 and 3 Home Reports and Parent-Teacher

-Home Reports issued on March 31st.

-Link for virtual parent-teacher meetings will be available on April 1st.

-Virtual parent-teacher meetings on April 13th (4-7:00 pm) and April 14th (9:00-11:00 pm). Amy made an adjustment to the link where parents can identify their names and list any concerns they would like to discuss during the 10-minute sessions. There will be no CU (catching up) option this report. Teachers will use submitted work, observations, and conversations to assess students. Term 3 began on March 22nd and final home reports will be issued on Friday, June 25th.

8. Grade 5 Welcome Package

- The tradition of sending out a welcome brochure to incoming Grade 5s began a few years ago. Future students received this in the mail. Pat asked if the PSSC could assist with addressing and stamping envelopes and many said they would. This will most likely happen in mid/late May.

9. Tentative Enrollment 2021-2022- See Below

- Pat discussed the data provided below. These numbers are comparable to those of March 2020. Many variables still must be considered such as new students who move into/leave our zone, switching from FI to English and vice-versa, other events where students may be unaccounted for. The English classes are traditionally larger than FI homerooms and that is the case again this year. Staffing is finalized in June using this data.

10. STOMP Update- Comparative Stats

-To date, Bayside has focused on the STOMP principles of teamwork and being prepared. Pat sent a data sheet indicating the number of students who successfully demonstrated these principles. It was noted that there was a slight drop off by English students (a usual trend during the second data sweep) and a slight increase with FI students. The third STOMP

principle is motivation and comparative data will be gathered and shared after this time period has passed.

11. Behaviour Data- See Below

-Pat presented the data shown below. Discussion ensued. Heather referenced media coverage of the incidents happening in other middle schools. Clarification needs to be made of what constitutes an assault and what is considered bullying.

12. Items from the Committee

-Pat mentioned that afterschool sports will most likely not happen in any middle school in Saint John Ed. Centre. Proper safety protocols would be hard to enforce and there would be issues as to why other live activities could not be conducted.

- Question was asked about high school registration. Pat said the District policy is to inform parents by mail in late April of the designated school and where students are on waiting lists (if applicable).

-Tiffany mentioned how valuable the cards containing Mental Health information are and can be. She mentioned of a situation where a student used this card.

- Pat shared that his 5-year term as principal is up this year and he has been renewed for another 5 years. He will be required to do a presentation for the Superintendent and Director of Education highlighting the school's challenges and opportunities over the past five years.

- Pat and Tiffany will be presenting to staff information on Policy 713.... Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Bayside is seeing a growing number of students who may need the support this policy outlines. This will take place on the afternoon of April 14th.

13. Next Meeting- April 28th, 2021

- This will be a combined virtual and live meeting. More information will be forwarded prior to the date.

14. Call to Close

Item # 9

Program	Enrollment	# of Classes
6E	111	4
7E	132	5
8E	135	5
6 FI	75	3
7 FI	60	3
8 FI	64	3

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Behaviour

1. Failure to Comply with School Code of Conduct- 277
2. Defiance- 149
3. Disrespect- 109
4. Inappropriate Language- 92
5. Physical Violence- 78
6. Endangering the Health and Safety of Other- 88
7. Failure to do Class Work- 59
8. Walked Out Without Permission- 19
9. Throwing Objects- 17, Fighting – 17

Actions Taken

1. Lunch Detention- 247
2. Parent Reached by Phone- 118
3. Student Met with Vice-Principal- 117
4. Suspension (Out of School)- 92

5. Time-Out- 66
6. Student Met with Teacher(s)- 56
7. Alternate Placement Within the School- 47
8. Student Met with Principal- 44
9. Parent Contacted by Letter- 31
- 10.Suspension (In-School)- 29