

PSSC Meeting- April 20th, 2022

Present-Pat, Tanya, Jen, Amy, Melanie, Jaclyn, Shauna, Christina, Jill, Heather, Steve, Angela

Regrets-Amanda, Ann

1. Call to Order

Shauna called the meeting to order.

2. Review of Notes from last meeting (March 16th, 2022)

Pat updated Item #4- Most staff and students choose not to wear masks. Many clubs and sports have been available to students since restrictions were lifted in March. Motion to pass made by Jaclyn and seconded by Angela.

3. DEC Update-Heather

-Heather witnessed the high school draw. Each school was allotted 217 Grade 8s from the Saint John Ed. Center. She confirmed it was indeed a random draw based on zoned middle schools (East and West). Confirmation of placement letters were sent out.

-Heather spoke about the "It Takes a Village" presentation on May 4th.

- Discussion on Government Reform in Education documents and how this affects PSSCs. Pat to send out these documents.

4. Feedback- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent participation was low. Majority of conferences were held virtually with a few in-person and phone meetings. Committee would like to see options for parents to meet virtually with more than one teacher at a time.

5. Provincial Assessments

To be done virtually over the next few weeks. All students not exempted will participate. Grade 6 (Reading and Science), Grade7 (Math and French), and Grade 8 (Science). EECD wants to see just how badly student performance has suffered since the Pandemic.

6. High School Placements- See Below

All who wanted Simonds and St. Malachy's were accepted. Bayside has twenty-five students placed on a waiting list for Saint John High. In the meantime, they are assigned Simonds High.

7. Turn Around Awards

Bayside's winner will receive notification on April 28th. Gala dinner on May 26th. Jen will present our nominee.

8. Facebook Update- Amy and Melanie

Melanie said 205 parents are part of the PSSC's Facebook Group. No news on the school sponsored site yet.

9. School Improvement Plan Update- Amy

Amy spoke of the strengths and areas for growth identified by staff. Data used: Academic, Attendance, Behaviour. Most students can identify being part of positive relationships with an adult at school. Areas to focus on:

1. Prioritized Curriculum- making up for what has been missed due to the Pandemic.
2. Social-Emotional Learning and Positive Interventions
3. Next Steps- Identify 3 or 4 specific target areas.

10. Current School Events

Sports- Volleyball, Basketball, Cheer, Run Club, Flag Football were all re-introduced when restrictions were lifted.

Clubs- GSA, Youth Group, Board Games, Maker Space, and Art Club- all meet weekly.

11. Year End Events

Most of the focus is on Grade 8s (year-end dance and other activities).

Teachers at the other grades will also plan events for their students.

12. It Takes a Village

Jaclyn provided a pamphlet advertising the May 4th event hosted by Simonds High...*Coming Out of Covid: How to Help Your Teen Cope*.

13. Ticket Raffle

Permission forms have been issued and some tickets distributed. Pat asked for help from the Committee when necessary... counting money, sorting tickets, etc.

14. Items from the Committee

-Pat mentioned that there is no movement on the interviews for his position. Hopefully, this will change soon.

-Amy will be preparing the Grade 5 welcome letter once new Principal has been named. Volunteers will be needed to assist in getting these letters ready.

15. Next Meeting- May 18th

16. Call to Close

Shauna called for the meeting to close.

High School Registration Data as of April 14th:

199 of 203 Registered

Simonds High- 108 applied and 133 placed

Saint John High School- 50 students applied, and twenty-five students placed

St. Malachy's- 40 students applied, and forty students placed

Harbourview- 1 student applied, and one student placed

The four who did not register were assigned to Simonds High.