

PSSC Virtual Meeting- January 27, 2021

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

Regrets- Nil

1. Call to order

Meeting was held virtually due to Orange Phase mandated by Public Health. Agenda was sent to members before meeting.

2. DEC Update- Heather

Although we haven't had much snow, the District continues to communicate with the City about snow removal from sidewalks. DEC also asking Superintendent to review the bus policy for those who live within the 1.5 km zone (no bus provided).

Home Learning Plans were discussed. Heather mentioned that job descriptions for the HLP teachers and tutors were provided.

Zoe Watson received her evaluation from the DEC. Much of it focused on how she exceeded expectations in the face of the Pandemic.

3. Staffing Update

Jennifer Perkins (Grade 8 FI) is going on a leave starting on February 1st. She will be replaced by Amy Vail.

Andre Blondel (French monitor) is leaving Bayside to spend the second half of the year at Barnhill and Beaconsfield.

ASDS has received funding to hire Behavior Intervention Mentors at the Middle School Level. Bayside will welcome Samantha Gordon and Jessica Belliveau to these positions in February.

4. Feedback on Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

It appeared unanimous that the PSSC favored the virtual option and would like to see it used again going forward. Comments brought forward:

“pleasantly surprised”, “focused engagement”, “Convenient and on time”, “very few tech issues.”

5. STOMP Update

The focus is “Motivated” until the end of February. Items have been purchased for weekly STOMP draws. Challenges have also been issued for the classroom bubbles to complete...door decoration, color day, build a snowman, the Golden Bucket challenge. Participation in Pink Shirt Day (February 24th) will also earn points for the challenges.

6. PSSC Budget

The Committee was reminded of some of the suggestions for these funds made at the November meeting. Pat and Amy were asked for their input. It was suggested that this money could be used to support our PBIS initiative of rewarding those who are following STOMP principles. This would mesh with the Social-Emotional component outlined in our School Improvement Plan. Shauna called for a vote and the Committee agreed that this would be the plan for spending. Pat will provide details of what was purchased at next meeting.

7. Red/Orange Phase- Realities

Amy gave some highlights of Bayside under the Red and Orange Phases. Staff lunchrooms are still out of bounds, but staff can eat in the cafeteria if physical distancing is displayed. During Red, staff had to be “actively screened”. During Orange, “passive screening occurs”. Bayside has almost 100 % compliance for mask wearing. A few students receive reminders and consequences for blatant violations. Attendance was low during the first Orange Phase but has remained consistently higher during Red and the second Orange Phase. We are seeing very few staff absences. The regulations for sharing of equipment and other learning materials have been observed.

8. High School Registration

Grade 8 students will receive their high school applications on Thursday, February 4th. The majority of our students are zoned for Simonds but may apply for Saint John High and/or St. Malachy's. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, these high schools will set up virtual tours on their websites the week of February 8-12th. Students are to pass in their signed applications to homeroom teachers before February 17th at noon hour.

9. Student Fees/Enrichment Day

Bayside charges a voluntary fee of \$20.00 to help support school activities. This year has required some changes to be made as to how this money be spent. Pat and Amy explained that these funds will be used to support Enrichment Day on February 26th. Pat and Amy outlined the day to look like this:

Block A- Virtual Assembly for whole school

Blocks B, C, D, E- A rotation of 4 activities – Virtual Bingo, Virtual Trivia, Virtual Breakout, Tug of War (Bus Island).

In order to cover the cost of these activities (Prizes, etc.), student fees can be used.

10. School Improvement Plan

The draft of the SIP for the next three years is now posted on the school website. Pat said he would send the PSSC a copy of this and that some time during the February meeting should be devoted to discussion of this document.

11. Staff Appreciation Week

February 8-12. Pat asked the Committee to get word out about this. Due to Covid, parents will not be able to provide and prepare food for staff.

12. Concerns from the Committee

Heather asked about sports during Yellow Phase. There was a meeting to discuss this and Bayside was represented. Although there is no commitment, it will be re-examined when/if Yellow Phase returns.

Jaclyn asked if Bayside will be observing Yellow Shirt Day on February 5th. This day is in support of suicide prevention. Pat committed to placing posters and mentioning this event during morning announcements

Tiffany mentioned the GSA continues to meet virtually, and Jennifer Hickey has created a virtual Maker Space Club. There could also be a virtual drama club in the works.

Melanie offered to look at creating a Facebook page to share announcements about upcoming events. This group would be sponsored and maintained by members of the PSSC. Pat and Amy can not be affiliated with this due to District restrictions. Melanie will keep administration up to date.

13.Next Meeting- February 24th, 2021

14.Call to Close