

## Notes-PSSC Meeting- May 26<sup>th</sup>-2021

Present- Tiffany, Charmaine, Jodie, Jaclyn, Heather, Shauna, Pat, Amy

Regrets- Melanie, Amanda, Steve, Christa, Angela

### 1. Call to Order

As this is the last scheduled meeting of the 2020-21 school year, a Covid-friendly supper was provided for the Committee in recognition of their service.

### 2. Review of notes from meeting on April 28th/21

#9 High School Placements- Heather mentioned that many of the students at the north and south feeder schools chose St. Malachy's resulting in more available seats at SJHS. Possibly the reason why so few Bayside students were selected for St. Malachy's and all who wanted SJHS were successful.

#10 Turn Around Awards- Jaclyn inquired as to what these awards are. Pat explained and mentioned it was an initiative of ASDS which promotes students who showed extraordinary gains while in middle school and high school. Bayside could nominate two students and a virtual presentation will be made public on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

No further questions or concerns regarding notes.

### 3. Staffing 2021-2022

At present, Bayside will be staffed for 34.6 teachers, 21 EAs, 2 BIMs, and 1 SIW. Numbers are always subject to change due to increases or decreases in student population. Enrollment is predicted to drop by about 20 students resulting in the loss of one or two homerooms. A Grade 7/8 FI split may be necessary due to students withdrawing from French Immersion.

### 4. DEC Update- Heather (Congrats on your re-election!)

Turn Around Awards, Brown Bag Lunch Program, It Takes a Village, High School Placements, and the DEC elections were all discussed. Heather is one of seven DEC members to be re-elected. Five new members will join this group. Discussion of current DEC Chair Rob Fowler not returning and speculation of who the new Chair will be.

## 5. Upcoming Events- Calendar

Pat provided a calendar with June events. Many were individual class field trips. Here are a few more dates of note:

June 4<sup>th</sup>- School wide Science Olympics

June 9<sup>th</sup>- Student Appreciation Day

June 18<sup>th</sup>- Last day to order cafeteria food on-line.

June 24<sup>th</sup>- Grade 8 Farewell Day

June 25<sup>th</sup>- Last day for students and home reports distributed.

## 6. Student Fees & School Supplies

Teacher teams are finalizing school supply lists for September. These will be shared with PSSC prior to placing on website. Debate whether to keep \$20.00 student fee in place or to raise it to \$25.00 and have a student agenda included. Amy is conducting a survey with teachers.

## 7. Principal's Report:

### - Grade 8 Orientation

Transition meetings have taken place with St. Malachy's and SJHS. We met with Simonds and only got through half of the many students heading there. We will discuss the second half later in June.

### - Grade 5 Orientation- Communication to Feeder Schools

Transition meetings are also taking place with our feeder schools. In addition, plans are in place for those currently in Grade 5 including:

- Amy and Pat meeting virtually with Grade 5 classrooms
- Creation of a video where Bayside students share what they wish they knew before coming here.
- An information brochure will be sent by mail to Grade 5s
- Sunglasses with the Bayside logo will be sent to Grade 5s
- Pat will send a Power Point to parents
- Members of the PSSC will be asked to help address and stuff pamphlets in envelopes. The suggested date was June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

### - Turn Around Award

As mentioned above, two Bayside students will be presented Turn Around Awards virtually on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

- **GSA Update**

Tiffany shared the initiatives of Bayside's GSA. This is a vibrant, energetic, and inclusive group who meet weekly either in person or virtually. Tiffany and one member represented Bayside at the annual flag raising ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This was one of the few extra-curricular activities which were permitted during Covid.

- **Heritage Fair Result**

The results of the Regional Heritage Fair will be announced virtually on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Bayside has several entries.

- **Math Competition**

46 students competed in a school-based Math competition organized in a Covid-friendly environment by Jennifer Hickey. Top students at each grade level received a \$25.00 cash prize.

- **Community Garden**

Pat spoke about the partnership our school has with Horizon NB regarding the Community Garden. Our students are invited to learn about the seed to table process of growing food in a real setting. Time in this garden is an excellent source of social-emotional learning.

- **Grade 6 Assessments**

Grade 6s began writing Provincial Assessments for English Language Arts (reading), FILA, and PIF on May 24<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Math and Science were exempted this year.

- **Student Appreciation Day**

The District has designated June 9<sup>th</sup> as Student Appreciation Day to recognize those students who persevered through this bizarre year. We plan to offer a free hat and/or PJ day and have STOMPER greet students as they enter the school.

## 8. Items from the Committee

It was mentioned that Grade 7 student, Gabbie Ewart, was one of 52 students from across Canada selected to attend a virtual Space Camp this summer.

9. Thanks to Those Who Served This Year!

Pat and Amy thanked this year's members for their service. Amy presented members with a certificate of appreciation and a key chain. Charmaine leaves after 6 years of service and Christa served for one year. We are hopeful those able to return for the 2021-22 school year will do so.

10. Call to Close