PSSC Minutes

April 9, 2013

In attendance: Rhoda Coston, Steve Green, Bridget Guthrie, Krista Turnbull, Gail Crilley, Tanya Logan, Mike Wilson, Gerry Mabee

Remarks by Mr. Mabee- his educating history, his DEC responsibilities including the reintroduction of vocational courses, doing check- ins on the facilities (St. Pat’s was visited on April 6), spoke of Island Views Majesta grant.

Krista: Community Schools update:

* Irving Pulp and Paper provided St. Patrick’s Day lunch
* PALS in the building often, 2 new matches from Bay Ferries
* New volunteer for Breakfast Program from RBC
* Craft Club after school continues, run by E.As.
* Krista brings older kids to Michael’s monthly and they often donate supplies.
* Basketball on Monday’s afterschool, Tuesday’s ball hockey for 4’s & 5’s with CCC staff.
* K Kids monthly theme is Pay it Forward, Ridgewood next week
* Doiron Sports tomorrow for mini-sticks
* Thanks to the Kids on the go Bus
* PALS in the Park proceeds from Soap Box Derby: outdoor activities at Lily Lake
* Full time coordinator would increase the opportunities for the students as well as benefit the province. Fosters stronger relationships with our partners.

SIP Update

* Possibly retool the Drop Everything and Read to a planned session
* More communication about what’s going on…focus on the pick- up areas
* Bulletin boards to help initiate conversations
* Next year work on email conversations, add on a preferred method of communication option ( email, phone, printed)
* Send home the Lingo for the Literacy package “Café” etc. make the link more visible on the website
* Send home the “I can” statements for the K-2
* Make the samples of writing more comparable with the Benchmarks
* Post a link for curriculum documents
* See more projects? Project based learning, increase opportunity for public speakers
* Showcasing the student’s work in assemblies
* Keep morning message going for all grades
* Monthly sheets filled in by parents
* Weekly math journals sent home, daily math lingo
* PSSC communication find to see individual progress, too anecdotal, not a fair representation
* Table the rest of the bullets till next meeting
* Disconnect between parents and teachers about their students and their issues – needs to be resolved
* Talk to parents to teach them that staff is approachable

Parent Information Nights

* Ex. bring the K-2 parents in for “ I Can” statements
* PSSC need to work with the staff
* Teachers prefer a traditional Math/ Literacy night but to compromise with 2 info sessions. PSSC to choose topics based on parent wishes. School to provide an expert compromise also that open house be classroom based

Grade 5 Celebration

* Reception after the ceremony
* Survey after the awards ceremony, with snacks or evening with snacks

Home and School Budget

* Shamrock campaign $195
* School designated cheque for playground

Head Lice Check – E.As. focus on educating so do not focus on looking for lice.

Next Agenda:

* Finish SIP
* Year- end events
* Pyramid of Intervention
* ESST Roles
* Home and School participate in May 16th K orientation
* Tentative next date, Wednesday May 8th