

Leo Hayes PSSC

499 Cliffe Street

October 17, 2023

Members Attending:

Randall Leavitt Chair

Meaghan Grandy

Ru Ruganda

Amanda Wade

Andrea Garner

Sandra Nickerson

Andrew Wojcicki

Principal:

Kendra Frizzell

Member Regrets:

Debbie Grillo (teacher rep)

Julie Lingley

Ella Nason

Saira Athar

Chandra Clowater

Jenny Spinney

Guests/Committee

Kelly Trifts

Angie Morrell-Kennedy

Hanan Othman

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm (Randall as Chair)

Welcome and introductions

Motion to accept agenda: Ru, Kelly *passed

No minutes to approve. Discussion on School Vision

Unfinished business

- Media Mentor; continued discussion on bringing in a Media Mentor/Company to work with SRC or students posting on official school forums. Purpose is to keep branding consistent, create consistent and relevant content, to direct flow through website, eliminate dead or unused accounts. Randall has approached 3 different companies that quoted between \$500 and \$800 for the service/guidance. Next meeting update and decision.
- Financial Literacy initiative; Ru recaps what was achieved last spring and the events held. Discussion on value and targeting earlier grades (9&10) and possible integrating

presentations/interactions with existing events ie. Career day, parent teacher etc.. Overall consensus is the initiative is valuable, but needs tweaking. Ru and committee can explore options.

- Mindfulness/Wellness recap; PSSC supported the school through Wellness Week, supporting Yaga/Mindfulness for students and teachers and acquired resources for guidance. Still work to be done to get in hands of parents, accessed by students and teachers (“Brown Bag” resource promotion). Committee will continue to explore and support this initiative where appropriate.

New Business

- **Principal’s report;** SIP (School Improvement Plan) was narrowed from 3-5 goals down to 1-2 goals. Lead by Nancy Benjamin who is the teacher lead for the SIP. Considerations from feedback and focus groups.
- Discussion on “meeting teachers where they are at”/ mirroring the sentiment taken with students; assessing needs and abilities and finding ways to support them.
- Communication is key in relating events, making teachers aware of programs, processes and standards. Kendra working with others to get information out.
- Recap on ESS team make up and how they are accessing/serving students.
- Rocket, provides print and media items to school. Suggested that PSSC access and use as a source when spending budget to align goals and fiscal reporting.
- PSIB – Suspensions are up comparatively; (38) at this point last year, (51) this year. Working with parents and students on Restorative practices.
- Bathroom/Vaping issue: ongoing. Teachers and admin teams do their best to monitor and attend but have classes and work to do. Overall sentiment is frustration. Loitering now added to actionable items regarding discipline processes.
- **Actionable** – explore potential for parents to volunteer for monitoring (would require back ground check as well as 701 policy form). Ru suggests possibly Garda (or similar) entity be looked into for assistance.
- Will have an increased police presence at several schools in the form of walkthroughs or booked sessions.
- Educational assistants have been assigned, more will be applied for as allowed by district, several shared supports may be utilized. There have been an addition of 4 Jordan’s Principle (<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/aas-saa/pdf/Jordans-Principle.pdf>) added to district.
- **Discussion** on technology use in classrooms, wide range of rules and use. Allowable use up to individual teachers as appropriate to their class and teaching.
- **Community Connections;** PSSC can actively look for community connections for multiple possibilities. For example; Food/program partnerships, information/events, Student Co-op placements/opportunities. Each member is encouraged to explore their networks to find opportunities.

- **Succession Binder** ; Meghan is working on the binder, collecting past projects and goals to have as physical reference for future PSSC reference. The goal is not to lose momentum or reduce gaps from each PSSC.
- **Provincial Steering Committee**; over the last 6 months, we have been a part of the working Provincial steering committee covering changes and initiatives desired by the Department and specifics such as the French Immersion program in the province. Some info has been released, the bulk is expected shortly. Randall comments he has mixed expectations for results.
- **DEC (District Education Council)**; Meeting on October 19th, all are welcome. Hosted at Bliss Carmen. Holistic curricula to be introduced, various other topics.
- **PSSC Chairs**; Andrew Wojcicki has filled the last vacant position on the PSSC with many others willing to work on committees and projects. Chair expresses thanks and excitement for high level of engagement!

Adjournment:

With next meeting to be November 21st, 6pm at Leo Hayes. Meghan, Sanda 2nd -
*passed. Meeting ends 7:25