



SJHS PSSC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2020

Location: SJHS Conference Room

Begin: 5:30 pm End:

Member	present	Member	present
Lori Wall (principal)	Y	Leta Dineen	
Martina Shannon (teacher rep)		Sue Hemmings	Y
Heather Gillis (DEC rep)	N	Wendy Thibodeau	
Kathy Dumouchel (chair)	Y	Joanne Henderson	
Emily English (secretary)	Y	Jessica Martin	
Andrea Titus			
Glen Hicks	Y	Wendy Corscadden	Y
Charmaine Logan		(SRC Rep)	None present

Also in attendance: Maureen Desmond, Sherry

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Approval of Agenda
2. Election of Chair & Secretary
3. PSSC Meeting Dates & Budget
 - Update of School Website
 - PSSC Orientation with DEC - Date ??
4. SJHS School Startup Update
 - Late Buses Concern
 - Expectation of Subject Outcomes for the school year
5. School Improvement Plan
6. Anglophone South area High Schools request for parents/PSSC for a unified letter of support to regional MLAs/Minister Cardy to consider a full-time return to school for high school students
7. Reports:
 - a. Principal Report - Lori
 - b. Teacher Report - Martina
 - c. Student Report - ??
8. Adjournment - Thanks for your input everyone!

1. Agenda item: Welcome & Approval of Agenda
Jessica Charmaine approved.

Speaking points:

- Jessica and Charmaine approved agenda.
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2. Agenda item: Election of Chair & Secretary

Speaking points:

- Kathy Dumouchel solicited for volunteers to take on chair the PSSC. Sue Hemmings stepped up. All in agreement. Voted in unanimously.
- Emily English to continue as secretary. Glen and Wendy moved to approve.

3. Agenda item: PSSC Meeting Dates & Budget

- Update of School Website
- PSSC Orientation with DEC - Date ??

Speaking points:

- Wednesdays agreed upon for meeting days going forward. 5:30-7
- Will schedule all for now and will plan for more than the mandatory 4 meetings per year.
- Website out of date. Maureen will look in to contacting the correct person to make the updates.
- Emily will cc Maureen Desmond when sending out minutes going forward.
- DEC orientation date unknown at this time.
- Budget amount \$2152.80 to be spent by March 21, 2021. PSSC will need to discuss how to spend it.
 - Ideas: signage for grad, other events that can be moved or used for events; training for parents on working remotely (Zoom etc.) - Glen will look in to providers for this; Portable video conferencing equipment for streaming events.
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4. Agenda item: SJHS School Startup Update

Speaking points:

- Principal reviewed details of operational plans for return to school. WSNB has done visits to school to review implementation of the plan. Very high compliance from students with masks, sanitizing hands, keeping distance from each other. Looking in to security upgrade for the front entry (video, buzzer to let people in once verified). Bathroom use organization is a bit of a challenge (taking turns, limiting numbers in room at one time) but doing well overall. Limits of numbers in rooms (conference rooms, auditorium,) lots of work done to get students online for attendance,

curriculum, teachers up to speed on platforms). Some concern about screen time but teachers working to balance this with breaking up lessons (time onscreen, others not). Balancing cohorts was a large scale logistics exercise (between high risk students that come daily and the A-k and L-Z groups.)

- Re: attendance – similar patterns as would have been expected previous year. Keeping an eye on the students who might change from what their norm was previously.
- There will be no exemptions this year because assessments not yet ironed out (assessment week).
- Re: expectations – do parents know what is expected of their children while at home? Discussion had about the variables involved in determining what the expectations are – synchronous/asynchronous, assignments, time online etc.
- Suggestion that parents check PowerSchool and SJHS admin could share some of the SPRs developed for supporting Teams usage. Lori is going to send home an email encouraging parents to ask their children to show them what they are working on in Microsoft Team and what the students can do on this platform. Also this email will remind parents to check regularly with Power School so they can be kept up to date on their child's progress.
- Jessica brought up some concerns with the buses arriving late, students were finding it very difficult as they were missing the first part of class time which is now even more valuable with the every other day schedule. Sherry reiterated there is a large problem with buses...some are arriving 15 to 90 minutes late. Some of these bus delays will improve fairly quickly once some scheduling bugs are fixed. Some of the larger time differences are owing to lack of bus drivers so a more long term impact. The District is actively searching for new drivers.
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5. Agenda item: School Improvement Plan

Speaking points:

- Due to the current climate of Covid; the SIPs for the Schools/District needed to alter with a one year timeframe. They are going to be 4 Goals that have achievable results for this school year. Staff will be meeting in early December to provide input into this revised one year SIP.

6. Agenda item: Letter of Request for students to return to school full time.

Speaking points:

- Parents from SJ area high schools were looking for support from the schools' PSSCs for a unified letter of support to Minister Cardy and other government officials to reexamine high school students return to school full time as is happening in the other provinces within our bubble...NB is the only province not in school full time. Committee felt at this time our efforts would be better suited to put our support behind what are the challenges students/teachers are facing and trying to identify

ways to improve to make this current environment better...particularly as it relates to technology..

7. Agenda item: Reports

- **No written reports provided to attach**

8. Adjournment

- There was some general discussion around the decision made by the Province to not issue marks for high school students in June. This decision has proven challenging for students trying to enter competitive university programs at some of the universities, preadmission and scholarships. Universities are exploring ways to evaluate students with CR for mandatory course requirements.
- Next meeting....Wednesday, November 18, at 5:30 pm....please note, we have moved our meeting days to Wednesdays.