Minutes

BMHS PSSC Committee 2024-2025

BMHS

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

**Members:** Mohammad Khaiyum, Stacey Jones, Stacey Lavoie, Christina Robichaud, Michelle Melendy, Qiong Yang, Chantal Calvert, Niilantey Lamptey, Mart Viljoen, Jodie Carleton, Christa Owens, Carrie Roth

**Absent:** Stacey Jones, Christina Robichaud, Qiong Yang, Carrie Roth, Kristin Cavoukian

**Resignation:** Stacey Lavoie

**Principal:** Martin Daigle

**Teacher Representative:** Natasha LeBlanc

**Student Representative:** Sarah Hackett

**District Education Council (DEC) Representative**: Kristin Cavoukian

**Items**

* Call to order: 7:01 PM
* Attendance / Regrets / Member resignation
* Approval of minutes from Nov 13, 2024, meeting. Moved by Nii, seconded by Mart.
* Approval of this meeting’s agenda. Moved by Chantal, seconded by Nii.
* PSSC Declaration Form – return signed form, if outstanding
* Student’s Report:
* Highlanders For Humanity went well, we collected many hygiene products, winter clothes and even some food for the city's less fortunate as well as 80$ in cash.
* OPIs (Oral Proficiency Interviews) were held and completed for this semester's FILA grads
* Fill The Bus has started
* Wonderland Foundation is starting their fundraisers (bake sales, pizza, ornaments)
* Cinderella is still rehearsing and costumes are getting closer to being done.
* Reach For The Top won silver in their senior division at the KVHS tournament in November
* Girls' Hockey has now won two banners for the school after not having a team for several years.
* School semi-formal is on the 18th - Hollywood theme
* Chess tournament is this Friday
* Clan activities (gingerbread house relay, bobsledding, etc.)
* BMHS Drama is presenting their plays Some Twisted Holiday Scenes and Regina Flector Wins the Science Fair December 13th
* The Friends of the Moncton Hospital Foundation awarded BMHS Highlanders for Seniors the Partner Level recognition (for raising $25,000–$49,999 for the hospital). They have raised closer to the $50, 000 mark over the last 10 years.
* Teacher’s report:

Celebrations:

* Clans has over 40 committed members who are doing really good things in the school. Lunch time team activities (every other week), Fill The Bus is doing well, their Holiday Float for the parade was beautiful. We'll be collecting food and/or monetary donations until Dec. 17th.

Concerns:

* We had a teacher want the PSSC know we have aggressive or violent incidents with students, and this seems to be getting worse in number and/or severity of the incidents. One of our teachers was confronted and screamed at while the student cocked his arm back to throw a punch and pulled back at the last second to only tap him on the chin. The RCMP were called and charges are pending. Our administration has had several incidents of students screaming at them, even nose-to-nose.

In October, the NBTF members were informed of “a landmark ruling by adjudicator Trisha Perry finds a New Brunswick school district failed to protect school personnel from repeated physical and psychological harm caused by a student with who acted violently” It was found that: “**The employer’s obligation to provide inclusive education to students does not outweigh the employer’s duty to ensure a safe, violence-free workplace to employees.”**

In November, the membership was asked to take the “Survey on Violence in Schools”. The data will be released in the new year.

\*Discussion ensued regarding the teacher surveys regarding safe workplace, measures in place, social workers, guidance, check-ins for students of concerns, NBTF may be coming out to put in place more protective measures, Brendan Dale’s role with the families. He is at BMHS through the United Way. We have cameras and are getting six more. The lack of cell phones has had a great impact in student behaviour being more attentive and engaged.

Principal’s Report, including the School Improvement Plan

* + Report cards. Under 40% of parents logged onto the portal to see reports cards. So we printed them out to hand them out. Teachers should be updating PowerSchool every three to four weeks.
	+ ELPA-R: created interventions. Deby Johnston is doing practice in the library on a schedule for the grades 11 and 12s who did not write or were not successful. The grade 10 intervention will be an English 10 Extended class in semester 2.
	+ Chatter High: BMHS won $1500 in Mr. Nick Smart’s class.
	+ Student Wellness Perception Survey had over 80% participation
	+ We are hiring three teachers next semester.
	+ ESAP-Essential Skills Program: Six students received placements. Pathways are diploma (with a second binder of achieved skills and a capstone project), work placement, and university-bound. Participants receive hours toward their blocks (Red Seal).
	+ Our Librarian is full-time finally
	+ Math competitions are happening.
	+ Ms Harris and Ms. Lewis, our Indigenous champions, explained the Wabanaki Framework. Trina Augustine and our Peace and Friendship Alliance have been engaging students with food sampling, celebrations, posters, information, and more.
* DEC Report
	+ Kristin Cavoukian brought our concerns to the DEC meeting: Ms. Diotte’s work, violence, Organigram, etc. Wabanaki School has invited us to a joint PSSC meeting in February.
* Old Items:
	+ $990 Budget for 2024-25 School Year
		- Vote: Put whole budget to school breakfast program. Jodie motioned. Mart seconded. Unanimously passed.
	+ Solutions for addressing strain on BMHS School Administration & Staff
		- Conversations ensued between BMHS and district regarding communication.
	+ Organigram odour concerns
		- Awaiting news from Kristin Cavoukian
* New Items
	+ Are there any issues affecting BMHS with regards to traffic due to the new school?
		- Sometimes there is a traffic jam at dismissal of Wabanaki.
		- We need to have the offices moved to the parking lot side
		- Wesleyan property: who owns the right of way on our driveway? There is a traffic issue at their “exit” for the lights.
	+ Mr. Daigle is on deferred leave semester 2. Tonight was his last PSSC meeting this year.
* Adjournment 8:46 PM

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2024**

(Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14)