**MINUTES**

**BMHS PSSC Committee 2024-2025**

**BMHS Library**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Mohammad Khaiyum, Michelle Melendy, Chantal Calvert, Niilantey Lamptey, Mart Viljoen, Christa Gillis

**Regrets:** Christina Robichaud, Qiong Yang, Carrie Roth, Jodie Carleton

**Acting Principal:** David MacDonald

**Teacher Representative:** Natasha LeBlanc

**Student Representative:** Sarah Hackett

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

**Items**

* Call to order
* Attendance / Regrets
* Introduction of Acting Principal, Mr. Dave MacDonald + round-table introductions
* Approval of minutes from Dec 11, 2024 meeting, Approved: Chantal, Seconded: Christa
* Approval of this meeting’s agenda, Approved: Chantal, Seconded: Mart
* Teacher’s Report:
* we appreciated the treats and specifically the various options
* The agriculture class and teacher would like to harness any knowledge, connections, partnerships etc. to get BMHS a green house.
* RED group helped BMHS celebrated Sinulog (See-noo-lug) and Lunar New Year in January. We have our wall calendar by room 170 noting cultural and heritage holidays.
* Student’s Report
  + Cinderella opens tomorrow, and had their feeder school matinee this morning. BMHS matinee tomorrow
  + Blood drive, the blood drive took place the 11th of February and they had around 15 to 20 students take part in saving lives
  + Coffee house will take place on the 26th of February
  + Reach for the Top came third in their tournament Saturday winning five of their games
  + grade 9 vaccinations Thursday
  + Valentine’s Day assembly
  + teacher appreciation week
  + crush pops
  + matchmakers
  + lunar new year
  + University visits: Dalhousie, UNB, Cape Breton University, Kings College, etc.
* Principal’s Report, including the School Improvement Plan
  + Staffing: new VP Eric Matheson, an excellent addition
  + Three new teacher hires, connected with Todd MacKillop and Craig Hutchings to support, and peer mentoring
  + New admin assistant, Angela Fahey
  + Teacher appreciation week: week of events and surprises
  + Building: our population in 1104 as of today; we have 0-2 classrooms available at any period of the day; we have two portable classrooms with March 14 as an opening day.
  + Flooding issues in two classrooms during exam week. Today we had a flood in room 111 due to an upstairs bathroom clog.
  + Clarified roles for the SPRs (supplementary position of responsibility) and their SIP (school improvement plan) plans and responsibilities: connectedness (Jason Agnew and Kevin Foster), literacy (Natasha LeBlanc), numeracy (Ben Allerston, who will also be updating our SIP and our website), and graduation
  + We will be hiring a new SPR to replace Eric Matheson. We would like to focus on supporting curriculum.
  + Cinderella was fantastic, 600 youngsters, BMHS students were so cooperative
  + Feb 28, we have students who identify as Black who will go to HTHS for Black History Month activities
  + Course selection time is approaching. Elective fair and dates of course selection and My Blue Print.
  + 15 new laptops from the IT department for the library, 8 more will come as well.
* DEC Report
  + No DEC policy 1.8 to augment 713 anymore.
  + Students and parents can nominate for Minister’s Excellence in Education Awards, and all nominees will receive a dinner. Three will be forwarded from the DEC selection committee.
  + There is a need for much more capital budget dollars for new schools and infrastructure, but NB is going to run a deficit. There will not be much money to go around. Aubrey Kirkpatrick is forecasting a balanced budget.
  + Organigram: calls have yet to be returned. Our ask will be to be a good neighbour and see if there is a different time for their venting.
  + DEC meetings take place the 3rd Tuesday of the month except December.
* Old Items:
  + $990 Budget for 2024-25 School Year to go to the Breakfast Program
    - How will the news regarding the NB-provided breakfast program affect Chartwells, our BMHS breakfast program, etc.
  + Solutions for addressing strain on BMHS School Administration & Staff
    - DEC lens: go to District with a specific request for help and support in order to receive that support.
    - We have put a lot of work into our issues and we are seeing a lot of growth with our problem students, especially with the support of our United Way contact and our support people.
    - Could the District put out a survey to *ask* what schools need and where the pressures are?
  + Organigram odour concerns
  + Traffic congestion at entrance to school campus vs Tidal Church parking lot driveway
    - Can this be brought to the Health and Safety Committee as a concern, City of Moncton? Kristin will bring to the DEC.
* New Items
  + Joint meeting with the Wabanaki School PSSC in March
    - Work with Jill Porter to coordinate a joint PSSC meeting. Tentative dates March 17 or 20. TBD.
  + Minister’s Excellence in Education Awards nomination package (see updated form with revised submission date)
  + Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
* Adjournment: 8:50 PM

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

(Apr 9, May 14)