Harkins Middle School

PSSC Meeting

Monday, October 19th, 2015

Meeting At 6:15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting – *in attendance: Stephanie Anthony, Paula Aube, Jennifer Doucet, Kevin Matthews, Glenda O’Neill-Wood, Mark Hare, Stacy Eisner, Cheryl Richardson, Ken Blacquier, Jennifer Sullivan*

2. Approval of the agenda

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting – *last meeting*

*was supper meeting/Principal evaluation*

1. Election of officers – *Chair will be Jennifer Doucet (motioned and 2nded by Paula Aube and Stephanie Anthony; Secretary will be Kevin Matthews (motioned and seconded by Glenda O’Neill-Wood and Mark Hare)*
2. Cafeteria Options for new school – *Jaime Morrison has asked about the private running of the cafeteria in the new school, which would need to be run by a board…she will put together a focus group…Home and School involvement?*
3. Principal’s report: Jennifer Sullivan

* Staffing – *update: we were cut 2 B positions, and lost 2 D contract teachers, besides…currently staffed at 21…enrollment is up from last year*
* School Review/SIP, Grade 7 Assessment Results (math) – *based upon suggestions made through School Review last year (a VERY positive process), we have held 3 student forums, incl. the re-writing of the Student Code of Conduct by the students; the SIP, driven by the school review and upcoming PLCs’ examination of data, will be revised by November…includes a literacy component (Audio books, library passes, use of tech in classes to access books and foster a love of literacy), grade 6 in-house writing assessment to drive intervention…math component to be driven by math assessments…science component moving from content to skill…community engagement component, as well*
* Celebrations; Community Engagement Day
  + Food drive with Sun FM
  + Breakfast program – *sponsored by Big Brothers, Big Sisters this year*
  + Terry Fox Walk – *raised over $600*
  + Spirit Day
  + Student Vote
* Clubs and Teams – GSA, crafting, CHAT, choir, tech, intramurals, incentive room, Bucket Fillers, WEB, soccer, cross-country, Tai Chi…Q: could there be a club of a religious nature?
* Safe Water Project –*A. McQuaid-Murphy has secured a grant from the TD Bank for a safe water testing kit, along with resources/kit*
* MADD Presentation – *to be held in November (sponsored)*
* Other – International Partnerships – *we have Mr. Fey until December (through the Confucius Centre), and 6-grade 7 girls, along with Anita (teacher) from Colombia for 8 weeks*

*-concern regarding Parent-Teacher interviews and format for these…discussion included JMH’s set-up, along with the possible use of a timer*

1. Next meeting set for Dec. 7th @ 6:30
2. Adjournment at 7:30