

JMA Armstrong High School/ Salisbury Middle School

PSSC Minutes

April 19th, 2017

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	William Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela Cameron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Hansen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Gallant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meredith Kidney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roberta Brewer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Juliet Jones-Vienneau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mindy Melanson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Goguen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela Thornton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ronda McCready	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renée Poitras
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theresa Gogan		

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Jason Gallant.
2. Quorum was established. Motion to approve agenda by Stephanie Hansen, seconded by Meredith Kidney.
3. Minutes of April 19th meeting
 - a. No errors or omissions
 - b. The minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion to approve by Tracy Campbell, seconded by Ronda McCready.
 - c. No business arising from the minutes.
4. New Business:
 - a. Social media platforms: There are many more cases of incidents occurring involving social media. Some students are not using these platforms appropriately and are being affected negatively. There will be a parent information night to inform parents of the realities of how students are affected by social media. This is affecting students socially, academically, morally, and emotionally. By expanding parents knowledge we can give them more courage so that it can be improved
 - i. Parent information night – Community conversation, including the elementary, middle and high schools, about technology and youth: Inviting experts to help discuss the risks of social media. Form a partnership with parents. The school staff will help educate students and parents so that students can overcome this

addiction. The goal of the meeting is to raise awareness and offer suggestions on how to help students. Suggested to have a post survey for parents and students.

- b. iPads at Salisbury Middle School
 - i. "Equity plan" and student owned imbalance: Majority of devices are owned by the school. The plan is to expand the program from grade 5 to grade 8.
 - ii. Toward increased ownership: To facilitate ownership there is a company that has approached the school that will allow the parent to pay approximately 50¢/day, through a variety of different plans to loan an iPad, case and earphones.
 - iii. Show parents why iPads in the classrooms are important. Engage the kids in presenting parents with how the iPads are useful to them in their learning.
 - c. Annual academic awards at Salisbury Middle School – a conclusion
 - i. Challenges of a new grading system: Academic awards will no longer be possible.
 - d. School Improvement update
 - i. High school: Cougar Citizenship Citation, Exemption policy = fewer absences, JDI tours, Reach for the Top, Vimy Ridge observance, Welding equipment
 - ii. Middle school: Choir at the Coliseum, Calithumpians, UNB nursing talked about self-image, general health and social interactions.
 - e. "New school/old school" – clarification: Requesting a new school to replace Salisbury elementary (K-4 or K-8).
5. Principal's Report: Mr. Robinson provided a handout of his report.
 6. DEC: discussion new/old school
 7. Next meeting date: May 24th, 2017
 8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm by Jason Gallant. Motion to adjourn by Mindy Melanson, seconded by Meredith Kidney.