



Fredericton High School
300 Priestman St, Fredericton, E3B 6J8
Parent School Support Committee – Meeting Minutes
Date: February 23, 2026
Location: Fredericton High School – C22
Time: 6:00PM

<p>PSSC Members: Katie Côté (Chair) Jacqueline Reid (Secretary) Moira Buyting Mika Solway</p> <p>Guests: Fred Connors (Vice Principal – Students surnames L-N) Suzanne Maxwell (SPR – School Counselling) Diane Langille (SPR – Alternative Education)</p> <p>PSSC Member Regrets: Pamela Kitchen (Vice-Chair) Andrea Addison Mark Taylor</p>	<p>School Representation:</p> <p>Principal: Peter Batt</p> <p>Teacher Representative: Derek Bradford - absent</p> <p>DEC Representation: Ruth Eden</p> <p>Student Rep: Winter Daniels - absent</p>
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Call to order: We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather is the unceded ancestral homeland of the Wulastukwey people.

Approval of the agenda:

- **Motion to approve:** Katie Côté
- **Seconded:** Moira Buyting

Approval of past meeting minutes:

- **Motion to approve:** Katie Côté
- **Seconded:** Moira Buyting

Past Business:

- PSSC Budget – Motion to allocate resources was approved. Waiting on the delivery of the new exterior signage.
- ASDW tutor list – Information was added to PSSC section of principal’s weekly email.

Chair's report – Katie Côté (5 min):

- Next years PSSC budget should also be ~\$2000.00

Principal's report – Peter Batt:

- Refer to the attached PSSC – Principal's Report – Feb. 23, 2026

Teacher's report – Derek Bradford – absent

- Refer to the attached FHS Staff Report

Student report – Winter Daniels - absent

DEC report – Ruth Eden:

- The DEC chair Thomas has stepped down and there will be coming elections for the DEC representatives in spring.
- Liverpool Street school will be built.
- Forest Hill school will be renovated.

New business:

- School improvement plan
 - Vice Principal (VP) roles and responsibilities (Fred Connors)
 - Refer to the attached listings of responsibilities of Fred Connors – Vice-principal
 - Resource is now in the F wing which has freed up 10 classrooms in FHS. There are now only 5 cart teachers for the remainder of this school year.
 - SPR for School Counselling (Suzanne Maxwell)
 - Course selections are going well, FHS is offering 12 new courses next year.
 - There will be grade level presentations and the course selections will have a shorter amount of time to make selections this year, with counselors being able to meet with students to discuss making any alterations over the month to help speed up the course selection process.
 - The department is working towards the 2nd school goal to expand awareness of mental health. This is currently on hold during course selection but will be continued with a possible social media campaign once selections are finalized.
 - The department is using the wellbeing dashboard in PowerSchool as a risk indicator of attendance and academic performance, and is evaluating the data two weeks before report cards to intervene with students considered high risk. This seems to be working well in identifying them earlier in the semester.
 - There are 6 counsellors this year with roughly 400 students per counsellor.
 - SPR for Alternative Education (Diane Langille)
 - Alternative Education program BKSC (Black Kat Student Centre) has 2 rooms with 2 teachers each to assist with students struggling with traditional classes for a variety of reasons.
 - Some students come for only an hour while some come for longer to ease themselves back into school. Blended students do a mixture of classes.
 - Students work on their own worksheets and teachers provide assistance with their questions or provide mini lessons depending on the situation.

- The Enterprise program is a completely different program and is not apart of FHS. They have a separate entrance to their section of the building.
- Ideas for next years PSSC budget:
 - Continued assistance with signage improvements
 - Continued assistance with the printing of FHS Course Selection Guides
 - Possibility of PSSC to assist with recognizing FHS staff

Adjournment:

Date of Next Meetings: March 30, 2026 at 6 p.m. in person at FHS

PSSC – Principal’s Report – Feb. 23, 2026

- Semester II started on Jan. 28th, and we are nearly a month into semester II at this point.
- The school has been celebrating and highlighting Black History Month through various initiatives since the start of February – daily announcements, Friday newsletters, class activities, guest speakers, static displays in the building, a flag wall in the main entrance, etc.
- The Arabian Roots Club (student club) has started the planning around their Ramadan Gala for 2026. This event was a great success last year and this year’s Gala will follow a similar model.
- EECD has started releasing information on the school lunch program that will be implemented in September 2026. Answers to questions around how this will roll out will impact Kats Kitchen’s distribution of breakfast food items and lunches are currently being sought out.
- The course selection process for 2026-27 is well underway...
 - An online meeting was held with students on Feb. 6th to review the process
 - An online meeting was held with students on Feb. 13th to review the course selection booklets
 - A parent presentation was held in the TMT on Feb. 17th
 - Grade level presentations were held in the TMT on Feb. 18th
 - Today & tomorrow, Feb. 23rd and 24th were course selection days in the building
 - Courses must be entered through PowerSchool and submitted in hard copy by Feb. 26th
 - Course selection verification will occur on Mar. 16th
 - Any final student changes will need to be discussed with the appropriate school counsellor the week of Mar. 23rd-27th
 - The timetable will be constructed beginning Mar. 30th (930+ sections!)
- The school had the pleasure of hosting two more budding school administrators – on Feb. 10th and Feb. 20th. We will be hosting a fourth individual on Feb. 26th. This has been organized through the Aspiring Leaders Program with NB Lead.
- We celebrated Staff Appreciation Week from Feb. 9th-13th with various messages and treats for staff.
- The Humanities department partnered with the Gregg Centre at UNB to have some of our grade 11 and 12 students join a workshop and lecture on campus, that took place on Feb. 19th. This workshop was led by a guest from Concordia University and discussed the importance of oral history and digital storytelling as it relates to childhood experiences growing up in Halifax during WWII.
- The Hello Crows performed in the building for a packed theatre on Feb. 20th – this was an excellent concert and well received by everyone who came to view it.
- Our Health Care 110 teacher has partnered with the Centre for Excellence in Health at EECD to offer a Health & Social Care Career Panel discussion on Feb. 24th.
- The school has continued it’s long-standing partnership with the local Junior Achievement branch, with ongoing conversations directed at our grade 9 students.
- Numerous members of the school-based ESS (Educational Support Services) team will be engaged in VTRA refresher training on Feb. 24th.
- A Spirit Assembly has been organized by SRC and will be delivered on Feb. 25th.

- FHS music ensembles will be performing for grade 5 students attending all our feeder schools on Feb. 27th. This is an outstanding initiative that highlights what is available for students in a few years when they arrive at FHS.
- Various projects remain on the go:
 - Exterior signage was produced throughout February and will be ready for installation shortly.
- We have continued conversations with ASDW to look at long term fixes to the student drop off lane that will support student safety and an efficient drop off for all. The short-term fixes have been working very well to date.
- Upcoming Date:
 - March 2nd-6th: March Break...school is closed.
 - March 30th: Q3 Report cards issued (semester II mid-term report cards)
 - April 1st: Parent Teacher Interviews (evening – time to be determined)
 - April 2nd: Parent Teacher Interviews (morning); Staff PL (afternoon)...no school for students
 - April 3rd: Good Friday...school is closed.
 - April 6th: Easter Monday...school is closed.

Monday February 23, 2025

FHS Staff report

January

Staff Positives (these are items shared with me from staff, with their names removed)

- Students in FILA wrote French postcards to veterans in November and these were mailed to francophone residences all over New Brunswick for Remembrance Day. Also, feel free to share that over 150 cards were created and delivered to York Care Centre at Christmas time by the French immersion classes. They were beautiful and very well received! You can also mention our students finished their OPIs and they did very well! Very proud of their accomplishments after 10 years in the program!
- In the automotive classes (Power Train and Chassis as well as Internal Combustion Engines), we will be having a technician from Toyota visiting us once a week during second semester. Each week they will be working shoulder to shoulder with students to enrich their learning and extend curriculum concepts as well as provide real world examples and experiences to the students! We are all very excited!

February

Staff Positives (these are items shared with me from staff, with their names removed)

- We had an amazing week of staff appreciation that the admin team put together. One teacher mentioned having worked at a variety of schools, and having kids in schools, its often parent groups that organize staff appreciation or add on to it. So would be awesome if the PSSC might be able to find ways to add to the appreciation from the community/parents next year. So many people were impressed with admins efforts. 😊

Fred Connors – Vice-principal

Cluster Responsibilities:

- Phys Ed and Wellness
- MCAF & NB African Association (w/Black Kat Ambassadors)
- Instructional Leadership
- Teacher Performance Assessments
- Data Analysis & Communications
- Student Fees (surname) & Course Fees (departments)

Coordination of:

- Athletics
- Assemblies
- AESOP – Vacancies & Entries
- Vaccinations
- Public Health Requests
- Facilities
- POINT/In House Mentorship program
- Kats Club
- School Swag & FHS Bookstore
- Field Renewal
- Custodians
- Textbooks
- Small ESST (L-N)
- Threat Assessment (surname)

Committees:

- High School Renewal/ Holistic Curriculum
- School Aesthetics
- Professional Learning Committee
- Large ESST (Gr. 11)

External Assessments:

- Youth Check-In Surveys

Graduation:

- Large Athletic Yellow F Award
- Small Athletic Yellow F Award