Principal’s Report for PSSC Meeting

Nov. 27, 2023

School Profile

Enrollment = 2245 (up 13 from last report)

Staff – District has approved a sixth VP for FHS. The date for applications closed a few weeks ago, however, we are still waiting to hear from HR regarding potential candidates and the interview dates. The current admin team are looking at how to distribute the current duties, as well as potentially changing our current model (alphabet based) to grade specific based. We have been in contact with Moncton high who currently works in that format, and we will be speaking with Michael Chechile from Quebec about this more on Monday, Dec. 4th

* Brittany Polchies (First Nations Guidance) has joined the FHS Team. She works out of the library in one of the conference rooms, next to the KFN room on the top floor.

Calendar

* The Weekly updates continue to go out to families with updates on activities going on in the school. Wide range of interest items (school clubs, athletics, drama, Grad class events, ESS events, upcoming meetings. I ask that people send me their information by Thursday so I can include it in the update
* November 20, Report Cards were issued and parent teacher conferences were held. Again this year we used the bookings app to assist and once again, the options for parents were in person, teams or phone call.
* November 22, FHS musical production ‘Disney’s Descendants” was a huge success. Dwight Dunfield stated that the crowds were larger than the past few years. We had the unfortunate postponement of Wednesday evening, but that was rescheduled to a Saturday matinee and it was very well attended. It was a great show and a huge thank you goes out to everyone who was involved!
* The admin team has all been assigned mentors. Sherry Norton-Graham is my mentor and Michael Chechile is the mentor for the VP’s. We meet with our mentors frequently. Next Monday (Dec. 4th) the entire admin team will be meeting off-site with our mentors as a team building activity and to allow us time to work on a few items without distractions.
* A few procedural changes at FHS – we’ve changed out meeting day with our SPR’s from Fridays to Thursdays as we find Fridays absenteeism is on the rise. As well, for safety concerns, we have begun to lock the doors except the admin entrance so people must enter the building through one access point during the school day – not during bus drop off in the morning, but rather during breaks and lunch.
* Lots of different PL going on right now. I attended an EAL PL with Dr. Carol Salva today and tomorrow will be 4DX training at OHS.
* Amy B and I will be meeting with Darla Day this week to discuss FTE (Teacher needs) for Term 2 on Thursday. We are hoping to receive 3 FTE to help fill the gaps.
* We are still very hopeful to hear a start date around a community police officer who would be housed out of FHS.
* Since last year, FHS has been working with District Office and the City of Fredericton around funding to replace our bleachers. The cost is over $200,000. The school needs to raise approximately $50,00. We have not received a firm agreement yet from the city of Fredericton. As such, currently our bleachers are in the out position, and they will remain so until we can replace them due to safety concerns.
* School Immunization program for Grade 9’s is coming up (Dec. 4th).
* Tech Talk assembly for Grade 9’s is Dec. 4th.
* Transition to life event at FHS is Dec. 5th 6-7:30 PM
* The next meeting between LHHS, OHS and FHS will be on Dec. 13th.
* Holiday concert at FHS Dec. 14th from 7-8PM
* Last day for cafeteria service is Dec. 15th
* December 22, Last Day for Classes before Winter Break (half day for students)