

NGRHS School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014

1. Call to Order

M. McDade called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

The following persons were present: Steve McGill, Joyce Veinot-Gates, Sandra Joudrey, Kelly Hansen, Sherrene Delaney, Sally Demone, Hailey Langille, Margot McDade, Andrea Whalen, Drew Whalen

The following persons send their regrets: Eva Cook, Howard Gibson

The following persons were absent: Norma Woodworth

2. Approval of the agenda

Change the date on the minutes (to April 10) and the date of the next meeting (May 15)

Move student concerns to #5 so that they can leave for the dance

Add School Fundraising Information to other business

Add a Vice Principal's update under student update (#6)

MOTION: Moved by, S.Joudrey, seconded by M.McDade to approve the agenda with the changes mentioned above. **CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

MOTION: Moved by, A.Whalen, seconded by S.Joudrey to approve the February minutes as amended **CARRIED**

4. Student Updates

4.1 Saint Strut

Planning for this day (May 16th) is well underway. There will be a full day of events. The cost is \$15 for the day. There will be incentives to encourage students to fundraise. Pledge sheets will be handed out to students on May

1st, information will also be placed on the website.

4.2 Super Saints Assembly

Great assembly - students seem excited about saint strut

4.3 Grade 5,6,7 Dance

On March 5th, the Student Council held a dance for grades 5's & 6's from WNES and NGE and grade 7's from NGRHS. It was well received (88 students attended and many students are asking when we are having another one. The plans are in the works for another one near the end of May.

5. Vice Principal's Report

5.1 Breakfast Program

Joyce applied for grants throughout the year and received ~ \$3000. Also the School Board gives the school ~ \$3500. Joyce is currently completing an application for a grant and would like to add a discussion about eligible students for this application to the agenda for May's meeting

6. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting's Minutes

none

7. Financial Report

There have not been any changes from last meeting; the account still holds a balance of \$1842.25. Next meeting we would like to discuss what we would like to do with the remaining monies from this year (i.e. donations, bursary, other things that help students at NGRHS, etc.)

8. Correspondence

An email was forwarded from the Board Office regarding their Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. SAC's were asked to review the document and compile suggestions (S. Delaney sent the document out to everyone in March). S. McGill asked that S. Delaney send out the email again and this matter will be discussed at the next SAC meeting.

9. School Board's Draft Budget

This matter will be tabled for the next meeting.

10. Chair's Report

nothing to report

11. Principal's Report

11.1 Embedded Time

This will be a board wide practice next year. He has been writing reports in our newsletter in hopes to keep our school community informed about the good work that the staff have been doing on these days.

11.2 Staffing

Staffing has been postponed for 2 weeks. Although our school teacher allotment has not changed, preliminary numbers tell us that we could have to declare 1 teacher as surplus because we have a teacher coming back from Maternity leave in the fall

11.3 Tell Them From Me

Survey links were sent out – as of yesterday 91 parents out of 316 potential parents, have filled out the survey. We are at ~33% return rate. The deadline has been extended to April 11th in hopes of having more survey's completed. S. McGill brought up a discussion around whether or not the online survey is the best way to get feedback from our parents/guardians. Having a survey online only can limit who can/will complete the survey. His plan is to bring this concern to the next Principal's meeting.

11.4 Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Information Night

This night was well attended. 40 families attended (out of a possible 54). The meeting was 1 hour and 45 minutes long and this year it took place in the library. Members of the SAC who attended the meeting with their students said that the meeting was very informative. S.McGill asked the SAC if there should be a change in the setup for next year's meeting. The parents on the committee who attended the meeting felt that although the meeting was long, it was very informative and something that helped them better understand course questions that were unclear to them, and their children, before.

11.5 Extra-Curricular

Softball and Track & Field teams have started. We will have Junior Boy and Girls teams and Senior Boys and Girls teams for Softball. We have had a great turnout for all of these teams.

11.6 Office Referral Data

February Data was reviewed. There is no data for March because there were only 5 referrals. Looking at the trend over the past 7 years, referrals in general (September aside) have decreased. S.McGill says that maintaining a

consistent staff over the past years who are able to foster and maintain positive relationships from the time the students come to NGRHS in grade 7 has definitely played a role in that.

11.7 ACA Referral Data

The new rules and regulations for ACA have been quite successful. 88% of assignments were recovered in February. 91% of assignments sent to ACA were recovered in March.

11.8 Community Meeting @ NGRHS: April 22nd

NGRHS will be hosting a community meeting, coordinated by the Board Office and the Superintendent. The purpose of this meeting is to bring members of the community together to discuss what we see happening with our local schools. It will be a time to throw out ideas without the pressures of the school review process. More information will be sent out in an email soon.

11.9. Staff vs. Student Hockey Game

Wednesday April 17th 7:30pm-9pm at the LCLC. It's a fundraiser for this year's graduating class.

12. Committee Reports

nothing to report

13. Any Other Business

13.1 What can the School Board do for the SAC?

This question was posed by the new Elected Board. They would like to know how to better support SAC's in hopes to foster better relationships between the Elected Board and SAC's. They are looking for suggestions; this discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

13.2 Financial Report Discussion of Past Large School Fundraisers

At a past meeting, it was briefly discussed about the monies made at past fundraisers such as the Breakfast/Penny Auction and Holiday Bingo. A handout was distributed and numbers and past fundraising ideas/strategies were discussed.

14. Adjournment

S. Demone adjourned the meeting at 8:12. Seconded by K.Hansen.

Next Meeting date: May 15th, 2014 @ 6:30pm in the NGRHS Library

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney