

# **NGRHS School Advisory Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

April 30, 2015

### **1. Call to Order**

E. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**The following persons were present:** S.McGill, S. Joudrey, A. Whalen, L. Burgoyne, H. Gibson, J. McMullen, M. McDade, K. Hansen, S. Delaney, E. Cook, S. Demone.

**The following person was absent:** T. Healey, J. DeLong

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Moved by, H. Gibson, seconded by L. Burgoyne to approve the agenda with the changes mentioned above. **CARRIED**

### **3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

**MOTION:** Moved by L. Burgoyne and seconded by M. McDade to approve the minutes from the last meeting

**CARRIED**

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

none

### **5. Financial Report**

current balance: \$1,520.<sup>25</sup> (no change from last meeting)

### **6. Correspondence**

none

## **7. Chair Report**

**7.1.** Homestay Coordinator reported on how our International Student Program is going.

## **8. Principal's Report**

### **8.1 Tell them from Me**

14% of parents filled out the survey last year and 24.7% of parents filled it out this year. S. McGill will be sifting through the results in the next few weeks and will have information for us at the next meeting. The students filled out their survey last week so that information is also being processed. The information pulled from these surveys guide our school's goals.

**8.2 Embedded Time:** Going well – teachers working on things to take into their classrooms that help us with our 2 goals. Groups have also been working on reviewing student course selections to ensure students are in the write courses. Our goals are up May 2016 so we will be doing the survey again next year and that will help us with our engagement goal. The writing goal depends on data from common assessments

**8.3 Staffing** – The staffing allotment numbers are two weeks behind. S. McGill has nothing to share yet as the numbers are still at the board being approved. He will have something to report next meeting.

**8.4 School Funding** – Nothing is official yet, but our school along with CAMS, has put a bid into the government for a grant to do necessary maintenance renovations; a security system will be included in this. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

**8.5. International Students** – We have 14 confirmed international students for next year. We have been allotted an EAL teacher for next year to accommodate our international students. We will fill this position within our staff.

**8.6 Lean Machine** – The new nutrition policy is coming out soon so our consultant from the school board would like to wait until the policy is out before we move any further with the Lean Machine. There are some things in the Lean Machine that may not meet the new policy so we will review it when the policy comes out.

### **8.7. Extra Curricular**

**8.7.1. Penny Auction** – The Penny Auction raised \$1900 and an we received an extra \$1000 from Royal Bank as part of a community fundraising program that they have. The money raised during this Penny Auction goes into the Uniform Replacement Fund. The way the money is used will be under the direction of S. Joudrey.

**8.7.2. Softball:** The season has been cut short due the weather but there will be a season (just an abbreviated one); there will still be playoffs and championships.

**8.7.4. Football:** We don't have enough interested athletes to have a school team. S. McGill was asked by organizing parents to ask the NSSAF if that, although we won't have a team, we could we still play exhibition games against NSSAF teams? This was approves so it is a go; our school will be playing football recreationally next year.

**8.7.5. NSSAF Sport Luncheon:** Drew Frank, Katherine Porter and Darren Penney are going tomorrow to represent our school at the NSSAF Sport Luncheon.

**8.7.6 Drama & Art Show:** This opens tonight and runs all weekend.

**8.8. ACA/Office Referral Data:** Data was reviewed by the committee

**9. Committee Reports**

none

**10. Student Updates**

**10.1: Seniors:** This upcoming month is very busy. Coming up we have: Saint strut, Much Music Video Dance, Student Council Elections. Graduation events are also soon starting. After the April dance, the Student Council donated \$400 to the Grimm family to help support them after their lost their home to a fire.

**10.2. Juniors:** Brought up a concern that students are missing phys. Ed. for gender programming and would like to see that for the remaining ones they do not miss anymore phys ed. classes., Overall, he says it's been a good month.

## **11. New Business**

### **11.1 Academic Standards & Post Secondary Planning**

H. Gibson brought up that many students are complaining that they aren't prepared when they leave here – they don't know how to write essays or take tests. They say that they are struggling when they go on to post-secondary education. A discussion was had about work ethic, time management, external stressors and individuality. It was suggested that study skills should be taught in classrooms to help students and S. McGill said that he would look into providing support for that. It was also suggested that at the grade 9 parent meeting there is information provided to parents about how to prepare for the things that you need to get ready for things like scholarships (keeping track of what students do and getting involved).

### **11.2. Contribution to Grimm Family**

A. Whalen wanted to say that it was a great thing that the school donated \$400 from the last dance.

## **12. Adjournment**

H. Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. Seconded by M. McDade

Next Meeting Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney