

NGRHS School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2015

1. Call to Order

E. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:34 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, J. DeLong. S. Demone.

The following person was absent: T. Healey

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

Change the Tucker update to: *“Our Behaviour Support Dog Program has been on a brief hold until we sort out the new schedule for second semester. S. McGill and J. McMullen will begin compiling data on the program to present to the SSDSA to justify the program for next year.”*

MOTION: Moved by S. Demone and seconded by S. Joudrey to approve the **CARRIED**

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Lean Machine: The administration meet with a Lean Machine representative to discussion service options and decided that we are going with the full service option with intention for us to take it over entirely within the next few years. Next Friday administration is meeting with someone from the school board to get approval to get started. After approval it usually takes approximately 6 weeks to get the Lean Machine up and running. In order to do this, the school will be getting rid of the current Pepsi machines (as per the contract we will sign with Lean Machine). The contract we sign with Lean Machines is for 5 years and within that

contract we are able to slowly start to take over providing the food and stocking it ourselves. The committee discussed the possible options for people to take over and in what way. When S. McGill talked to other schools about this, the only negative is that some schools have said that their cafeteria revenues have gone down slightly. The main goal for getting this is to have healthy food available for after school activities so it was discussed that we will make that the main focus when we discuss it with the student body.

5. Financial Report

current balance: \$1,520.²⁵ (no change from last meeting)

6. Correspondence

6.1 Welcoming School: An email from Mitch Landry came today congratulating NGRHS on becoming a Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP) Welcoming School. We have fulfilled all of the requirements and will receive a \$300 cheque and an official plaque. We are the 2nd school in SSRSB to receive this designation.

7. Chair Report

nothing to report

8. Principal's Report

8.1 ACA/Office Referral Data: Data was reviewed by the committee. S. McGill discussed a new change in the programming. Frequent visitors to ACA are now receiving additional programming to help them manage their homework.

8.2 Budget: S. McGill discussed the budget information that he knows to date for next year. Where it stands now, it is very likely that we are going to be in a deficit again so there will likely be more cutbacks. It was stated that the action plan released last month is going to happen. By June 30th, the homework policy and school code of conduct will be on hold and there will be a new one for every school across the province in September.

8.3. Extra Curricular:

8.3.1. Sport Seasons : Basketball seasons have ended for all of four of our teams. Starting soon will be 4 softball teams and 1 track and field team. Two students in our senior high talked S. Joudrey about starting a badminton team but there was difficulty finding a coach. She did approach two people but they declined. It was discussed by the committee that it would be a good program to start in the junior high and it was suggested that the school advertise next year that we are looking for a coach; S. Joudrey said she would take care of it next September. She also said that the phys ed teachers could change their programming so that Badminton is offered closer to the season in the hopes of drumming up some additional interest.

8.3.2. Spring Leagues: There will be a men's and a women's spring league basketball again this year. The men league will be on Friday nights and the women's league will be on Wednesday nights.

8.3.4. Football: As mentioned last meeting, we needed 30 to make a team. The deadline has passed and we have 24 paid and registered students . Currently, everything is on hold. Everyone who has paid the money will be reimbursed. S. McGill is calling the NSSAF with a few questions before it is a no. If this doesn't go, there will still be a house league in Bridgewater at the Fieldhouse for interested students.

8.3.5 Symphony Trip: Last week M. Blezy took a group of students to Halifax to the Symphony. The trip went really well – the students had a great time and were very well behaved.

9. Committee Reports

9.1. International Students

Four new students arrived this semester (3 senior high students and one junior high student). We also have a grade 7 female international student coming this weekend for the remainder of the semester. Eva is always looking for new families and anyone interested is encouraged to get in contact with her. Four of our international students are going with Eva to North Queens School tomorrow to talk to the students about their countries and why they decided to be a part of the International Student Program.

10. Student Updates

10.1 Dance: The semi-formal Valentine's dance 2 weeks ago and it went well.

10.2. Super Saints Assembly: 2 weeks ago we also had a Super Saints assembly where a few students and staff shaved their head in support of a fundraiser for Hailey Rodenhizer in her fight against cancer. We raised of \$2200 for her.

10.3. Grad Lounge: The organization for this is moving slowly and it may not happen this year

10.4. Saint Strut: Planning for this year's Saint Strut is about to begin

10.5. Drama: Rehearsal for the spring production are in full swing.

11. New Business

11.1 Penny Auction

There will be a Penney Auction here this spring again and it will be organized by staff members Margot McDade, Krista Emino and Sandra Joudrey. Money raised will go into a "Uniform Replacement Fund" and student council will take requests for teams who are looking for new uniforms. The proposed date for the Penny Auction is April 25th.

11.2. Community Penny Auction

S. Demone is organizing a Penny Auction to raise money to support Janis Power when she competes in the Boston Marathon this spring. She asked to use the cafeteria as a donation for her Penny Auction and was approved.

11.3 Positive Feedback

A. Whalen commented that her son is really enjoying the flipped classroom approach in his Advanced Biology class. A discussion was had about the nature of a flipped classroom.

12. Adjournment

H. Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Seconded by L. Burgoyne

Next Meeting Thursday March 26th @ 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney