

NGRHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2014

1. Call to Order

E. Cook called the meeting to order SAC at 6:30pm.

The following people were present: Eva Cook, Howard Gibson, Steve McGill, Joyce Veinot-Gates, Sandra Joudrey, Sherrene Delaney, Kelly Hanson, Andrea Whalen, Drew Whalen

The following people send their regrets: Sally Demone

The following people were absent: Norma Woodworth, Brian Daniels

2. Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by, A.Whalen, seconded by H. Gibson to approve the agenda

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from September Meeting

MOTION: Moved by S.Joudrey, seconded by A.Whalen to approve the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising from last meeting's Minutes

4.1 Donation: \$500 was given to the NGRHS Christmas Dinner

5. Financial Report

The current balance is the SAC account is \$1842.25

6. Correspondence

6.1 Invitation for SAC Chairs: An invitation was extended to SAC Chairs to attend a meeting regarding school review processes – E. Cook attended. Many SAC Chairs expressed concerns about the last review process and how it was not transparent. These people felt that the decisions were made based on money alone. It was recommended that the community, to help with the cost issues, utilize schools more. The intent of these meetings was to gather information and opinions from people involved. The facilitator of this meeting will gather information from meetings around the province, compile the information gathered, and take it back to the Minister of Education next month.

6.2 Newsletter from the Lunenburg County Community Health Board. Newsletter was circulated for members to review. See attached.

6.3 Donation to Christmas Dinner. A donation of \$16.50 was given by Blair Forrest

7. Chair Report

7.1 Capital Spending: The capital project that was applied for on behalf of our school was not accepted so the Superintendent spoke to E.Cook. He would like to have a community meeting with NGRHS and NGE parents, staff and community members to see what our school community would be interested in seeing happening up here. S. McGill has been told that he will be contacted to begin the planning stages for this meeting in the near future.

7.2 School Board Meeting: WNES principal, WNES SAC Chair, S.McGill, and E.Cook were asked to attend the board meeting last night. They were asked to talk about the roles of the SAC in these two schools to better inform board members about how SACs function effectively. S. McGill received an email from both the Superintendent, and the Coordinator of Student Services, thanking them for their presentation and praising them for having effective and successful SACs.

7.3 RCMP Talks: Our English Communications 12 class attended a RCMP Talks National Video Conference. The conference addressed distracted driving and included guest speakers from the RCMP and MADD Canada. Our students were featured on Global News and in the Bridgewater Bulletin

8. Principal's Report

8.1 Green Team: Natalie McMaster, from Efficiency Nova Scotia, came to do a presentation in hopes to increase interest in a Green Team at our school. She verified that maintaining a Green Team in a junior/senior high school is challenging. Our school is hoping to get an active committee up and running as we have had difficulty doing this in the past. M.Howlett and A.Bush are the coordinators for this group.

8.2 Bob Mertens Presentation: Bob met with the grade 9's to discuss his trip to Guatemala. It was well received.

8.3 NGRHS on the Move

8.3.1: Camp Campeche: 21 grade 11 students from Nova Scotia were chosen to go to Mexico as a community service trip. Abigail Cook, from our school, was 1

of 3 students, from our board, selected to be a part of this trip. Kathryn Creaser, a teacher at our school, was also selected.

8.3.2: Europe Trip: 20 students are leaving on Friday March 7th for a 9 day trip

8.3.3: Quebec Trip: Grade 9 students are leaving on April 21st

8.4 International Students: This semester we have had 5 International Students. In February, we will be welcoming 2 more international students who will join us for the rest of the semester.

8.5 Embedded Time: Gaston Comeau and Stephen Jamieson attended the January Embedded Time Day to assist in the adjustments to the working document and to also work with the groups on their individual work on the goals.

8.6 ACA Data: Data was reviewed; see attachment. S. McGill explained the current policy and asked for feedback from the members.

8.7 Office Referral Data: Data was reviewed; see attachment

8.8 Technology Vision and Action Plan: The plan was passed out to members to review

9. Vice Principal's Report

9.1 Christmas Dinner: The help received from our O2 students was exceptional. The total cost of this dinner was \$884.44. J. Veinot-Gates thanked the SAC for their donation of \$500.

9.2 Digital Citizenship: J. Veinot-Gates is currently working on setting up a presentation regarding this topic with 2 RCMP officers. She is also hoping to set up a presentation by Betty-Jean Aucoin for junior and senior students. She feels that our students would greatly benefit from digital citizenship education

10. Student Report

10.1: Magician Visit: student seemed pleased and found him very entertaining

10.2: Christmas Dinner: students really enjoyed it

11. Other Business

11.1 Monies Raised for NSISP: Abigail Cook will be raising money for her Camp Campeche trip and all money collected must be sent to her school. The school will then write a cheque to the NSISP who will then ensure that it gets to Mexico for the

community service project.

12. Adjournment

S. Joudrey adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm

Next Meeting Date: February 20, 2014 6:30pm in the NGRHS Library

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney