



NGRHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2015

1. Call to Order:

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

The following persons were present: S. McGill, J. McMullen, H. Gibson, S. Joudrey, L. Burgoyne, A. Whalen, K. Hansen, S. Demone, T. Healey, and E. Cook.

Regrets: S. Delaney, J. DeLong, M. McDade

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Moved by S. Joudrey, seconded by S. Demone to approve the agenda as distributed.

Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Motion: Moved by S. Joudrey, seconded by K. Hansen to approve minutes as distributed after last meeting.

Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

- a. **Accidents Involving School Buses:** S. McGill reported that the School Board has issued new policy for accidents involving school buses. Protocols were in place for the accident that occurred in West Northfield during the month of January.
- b. **Lean Machines:** J. McMullen reported that she has spoken with Lean Machines regarding the installation of a vending machine in the school. The machines are stocked with healthy food options in compliance with the DoE Healthy Food Policy. Three options for operating the machine was outlined to the Council:
 - i. "Lean Machine Way"; the company places the machine and teaches students how to operate a vending business. This gives the school 24-hour access to the machine; the school business purchases the

merchandise and stocks the machine; handles miss vends, and all issues with the machine and submits monthly reports to the company along with a commission payment.

- ii. "Modified Way"; all the features of option i, but the company stocks merchandise.
- iii. "Full Service"; the company handles all features of running and stocking the machine. The school would receive a commission on items sold.

Discussion: H. Gibson requested that the commission amounts be outlined, and it was discussed which student groups or curriculum structures might benefit from the operation.

Motion: Moved by A. Whalen, seconded by S. Demone to have J. McMullen go forward and arrange a meeting to review options with Lean Machines.

Carried.

- c. **Custodian Interaction:** This matter has been addressed.

5. Financial Report.

S. McGill reported a balance of \$1,520.²⁵. A \$500.⁰⁰ donation was made in December towards the Christmas dinner, as motioned in last month's meeting.

6. Correspondence.

None.

7. Chair Report:

- a. E. Cook reported on the SAC meeting in Hebbville on January 7th.
 - i. The SAC *Letter of Agreement* was given back to the school with minor corrections required. Changes were made, resigned and sent back.
- b. Christmas dinner was very successful. Food preparation was assisted by the O2 students, as well as serving of the meal. Bus drivers and custodial staff were invited to the meal. A suggestion was made to include non-staff coaches and other school volunteers next year.

8. Principal's Report.

- a. **PEBS/ACA Data:** S. McGill presented the PEBS and ACA data for the month of December. Data was reviewed and a conversation was had between the committee members regarding the data. It was revealed that the ACA

program has a 79% recovery rate on assignments, and 38% of the student body is using the program.

- b. **Tucker Update:** 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.
 - c. **Football:** February 15th has been set for the final date to submit registration forms for the NGRHS football program. To date only 15 registrations have been submitted, unless 30 have been submitted there will be no program.
 - d. **Wrestling:** Four students have been travelling to PVEC to participate in wrestling training. They are registered as NGRHS players although they are practicing with the PVEC program. The coach has said he is interested in training at NGRHS should the program succeed. To date the following students are participating: Nolan Barkhouse, Ashlyn Barkhouse, Trenton McCann, and Dakota Keddy. Ashlyn Barkhouse has achieved gold in competition and Nolan Barkhouse has medaled as well.
 - e. **Staffing Updates:** Mrs. Johnson has begun her maternity leave. Mr. Trevor Kendall, who has a double major in English and Sociology, as well as a background in Broadcast Communications, has been hired to fill the position for the remainder of this school year. He will be teaching CommTech12, Global Geography 12, with some English 12, and Sociology 12.
9. **Extra-Curricular Program:** S. Joudrey reported that NGRHS has four basketball teams on the go at this time, and they are presently preparing for Regionals and Provincials. The junior girls have three players with injuries, but they have a large contingent of grade sevens which will strengthen the junior team in the next few years. The senior girls have experienced several injuries as well as conflicts with employment which has made the season challenging.
10. **International Student Program:** E. Cook reported that there are two students going home in the next couple of days, Francesco and Livia. There are three boys and one girl arriving to the NGRHS family of International Students; one boy and one girl from Japan, and two boys from China. We would like to increase our number of International Students to 20 for the 2015-2016 school year; as well a new student Ambassador will be sought for the International program next year as J. DeLong will be graduating this spring; it was mentioned that a student entering grade 11 in September would be the preferred choice, and ambassador training will take place over the summer. An application package has been completed for the "Welcome School" program and this has been submitted for approval. If approved, the school will receive a "Welcome Home" plaque as well as monetary funding for the program.

Flags (treated with fire retardant) have been installed in the school's cafeteria representing the home countries for each of the international students.

11. Vice-Principals' Report: J. McMullen reported that the next NGRHS newsletter will be going out next week, and will be sent to the SAC for review before distribution.

12. Student Update:

- a. The *Matchmaker* fundraiser will take place next week.
- b. Valentine's Dance will take place on February 12th.
- c. The next Super Saint's Assembly will take place on February 12th. At this assembly two students and one teacher will fulfill their fundraising promise of having their heads shaved in support of Haley Rhodenizer who is battling leukemia. A total school community contribution of \$1,000 was achieved in this effort.
- d. The grade-nine class trip to the Museum of Natural History in Halifax will take place on January 30th.
- e. The grade-seven and grade-eight activity day is tomorrow, January 30th.
- f. Concerns were brought to the table regarding the amount of pocket knives in the possession of students in the school. School administration will follow up on this immediately.

13. New Business.

- a. S. Demone brought forward parent concerns regarding the 3:00pm game times for junior hockey. S. McGill explained the ice-time assignments.
- b. H. Gibson queried if there had been any further word regarding a meeting with the Superintendent as mentioned in a SAC meeting of last spring. S. McGill stated that there was no movement on the subject to date.

14. Adjournment:

Motion: Motion was made by S. Demone, seconded by H. Gibson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Next meeting date: February 26th at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: L. Burgoyne