

**NGRHS School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**

May 15, 2014

**1. Call to Order**

E. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

**The following persons were present:** Steve McGill, Sandra Joudrey, Sherrene Delaney, Sally Demone, Brian Daniels, Margot McDade, Andrea Whalen, Drew Whalen

**The following persons send their regrets:** Kelly Hansen, Joyce Veinot-Gates

**The following persons were absent:** Norma Woodworth

**2. Approval of the agenda**

Move Student Update up to after Correspondence

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

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

Minutes were read to the group so that everyone was up to speed.

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

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

A motion was made by S. Joudrey that a donation of \$500 be made to the library budget so that more books can be bought. H. Gibson amended that it be a \$300 donation. **E. Cook called a vote. All said yes. Motion was carried.**

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

**4.1. SAC monies:** The council discussed ways that their money could be spent so that as many students at NGRHS can benefit from it. M. McDade discussed the financial situation of the school library. E. Cook suggested that the library advertise that they will accept gently used in-demand books.

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## **6. Financial Report**

We have decided to make a donation to the library so the account will have a balance of \$1542.25. A discussion was had about what the council would like to do with this money. See above (#4.1).

## **7. Correspondence**

A letter was sent to the chair of the SAC from the DOE (Myra Freeman) asking the SAC to get feedback from members of the school community. They are looking for input regarding the future of education in the province. They want to know what's working well and what needs to improve. The opportunity to provide feedback ends Friday June 13th. E. Cook suggested that the school does a focus group of students to discuss this topic. It was also suggested that we put a link to the survey on our school's website.

## **8. Student Update**

### **7.1 Student Council Election**

Executive Elections were held today. Jordi DeLong is the new President, Chesonsy Sheppard is the new Vice President, returning are Katherine Porter as Secretary and Avery Jenkins as Treasurer. S. Joudrey commented the new election format was excellent and well received by staff and students.

### **7.2 Saint Strut**

Fundraising has gone well - \$3500 raised so far (before the bills have been paid) and there is still have money to come in

### **7.3 Thank you**

B. Daniels and the other members of the Student Council Executive finish their term tomorrow. He said that he has had great year.

## **9. Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Junior Representative on the Student Council Executive**

A discussion was had about adding a Junior High representative to the Student Council Executive Committee. S.McGill said that he would look into whether or not that would be a possibility.

### **8.2 Community Meeting**

NGRHS hosted a community meeting last month. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss future of NGRHS and to discuss the issues that surrounded the, now non-existent, school-review process. H.Gibson said that it was a very interesting meeting with lots of positive comments and suggestions. Some time was spent discussing what NGRHS would look like if it were to be a P-12 school. H. Gibson believes that there will likely be more meetings like these next year.

## **10. Principal's Report**

### **9.1 Staffing**

NGRHS has been awarded 1 extra full time teaching position this year and as a result, has not had to declare surplus. There will only be one term position at NGRHS next year - Chris Wentzell's job share (20%) and it will be advertised in the appropriate hiring round. Jaylene Chase, Senior High Resource Teacher, will be leaving us this year and her position will be posted in the appropriate hiring round. The Vice Principal position at NGRHS has been reduced to 75% administration and 25% teaching. Vice Principal positions were cut across the board; 3.5 full time teaching positions were saved as a result of these cuts. J. Veinot-Gates accepted a position as Principal at CAMS so her position will be advertised tomorrow. S.McGill is able to submit questions for the interviews and will forward the questions to E. Cook for review. Interviews for the Vice Principal position will likely occur next week. Teaching assignments will be given to teachers by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **9.2 ACA/Behaviourial Data**

Data was reviewed.

### **9.3 Visual Art**

Art teacher, D. Fleming, met with someone from the Board Office about having our student's art displayed there. H. Gibson commented on the fantastic art that was displayed during the Drama Production.

#### **9.4 High School Programs**

Next years O2 participants have been notified. The program has been filled with 20 applicants; all who applied were accepted. Advanced Placement enrolment numbers for next year were also discussed. H. Gibson asked if it was known how many students, if any, NGRHS was going to lose to PVEC next year. S. McGill said that he was aware of only 1.

#### **9.5 International Students**

There will be 3 French International Students attending NGRHS for 3 weeks. They are all in grade 10 and will be here for 3 weeks.

#### **9.6 Thank You**

S. McGill thanked the SAC for an excellent year.

### **11. Committee Reports**

nothing to report

### **12. Any Other Business**

#### **11.1 Membership**

H. Gibson commented that, according to the bylaws, he would have to take a break from the SAC for one year. E. Cook reviewed the terms of the parents who are currently on the SAC and N. Woodworth's term is up at the end of this year. S. McGill and E. Cook will review the terms.

#### **11.2 Next Meeting**

E. Cook expressed concern about the meeting feeling rushed. S. McGill commented that having meetings on the same night as a school dance is difficult because many of the staff representatives on the SAC are needed to chaperone the dance. As a result, the next meeting is scheduled for a non-dance evening.

### **13. Adjournment**

H. Gibson adjourned the meeting at 8:12. Seconded by S. Demone.  
Next Meeting Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney & M. McDade