

# **NGRHS School Advisory Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

May 28, 2015

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

E. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

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

**The following persons sent their regrets:** A. Whalen, S. Joudrey

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

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

**MOTION:** Moved by, H. Gibson, seconded by M. McDade 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 S. Demone to approve the minutes. **CARRIED**

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

**none**

### **5. Financial Report**

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

A conversation was had about if there were any other areas in the school that we could donate to.

**MOTION:** Moved by H. Gibson to make a donation to the library of \$320.25 and seconded by L. Burgoyne. **CARRIED**

## 6. Correspondence

See the Chair Report

## 7. Chair Report

**7.1 Homework Survey:** open to students and parents to complete from the DOE. May 19<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>. E. Cook suggested that we put the link to this survey on our website.

**7.2 Workplace Government Policy:** The policy was sent out for SAC to look over and forward along any comments they had.

**7.3 Long Term Planning:** SSRSB meeting here is now moved to June 16<sup>th</sup> in library

## 8. Principal's Report

**8.1 Embedded Time:** The last Embedded Time Day of the year was yesterday. S. McGill discussed a few things that the groups have been working on in the area of student engagement. This was the first year that all schools in the board have had this and teachers filled out a survey. Results of this survey will be discussed at the first meeting next year.

**8.2 Staffing:** We have lost .25 of a teacher (we had a 26.8 teacher allotment this year). Normally we would've had to declare someone surplus but because Mrs. Johnston is not returning until 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, we were able to absorb her first term assignment into other teachers' assignments so we did not have to declare surplus. Enrolment is projected to go up by around 20 students next year and that doesn't include the international students. Also, we were able to get some teacher time to help support our international students and create an English as an Additional Language course (it will be taught by Mrs. Wilband). New course for next year: Yoga 11 (taught by Ms. Creaser). Our O2 program had 26 applications for next year's program and unfortunately the program only admits 20; the successful applicants have been notified and there is a waitlist in place. Phys Ed. Leadership is back and so is Tucker (semester 1). We will be advertising for an 80% Guidance position, 20% job share for Mrs. Wentzell and a Library Technician for 20 hours a week (Mrs. McDade is retiring).

**8.4 School Funding:** NGRHS has successfully been awarded \$250000 for renovations. We will be getting a new above ground oil tank, new exterior doors throughout the building, new windows in the stairwells from top to bottom. The renovations are set to begin this summer.

**8.5. School Code of Conduct:** at principals meeting they saw a draft copy. It will be a ministerial document so all schools will follow it (school's wont have to create their own). Something that is new is that Administration can now suspend up to 10 days without needing permission from the board or SAC. It be a part of our student handbook in the fall.

**8.6 Tell Them From Me:** Information will be shared with staff at the June 4<sup>th</sup> staff meeting. The committee reviewed the results and discussed the findings.

## **8.7. Extra Curricular**

**8.7.1. Track** – Many of our track athletes are off to Regionals this weekend.

**8.7.2. Softball:** The senior boys, girls and junior girls all won districts. The junior boys lost in the district finals but they are still able to go to regionals, along with our other 3 teams. It has been a very successful season for us.

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

**8.7.4 Drama & Art Show:** a very successful show! Great attendance

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

**8.9 Reunion** – The school has been approved to host the dance for the reunion on July 4<sup>th</sup>. S. McGill has been working closely with the committee during the planning stages.

**8.10. Community Dinner** – On June 10<sup>th</sup>, our 02 students are making a dinner to thank the professionals included in their Co-Op placements. It is open to the public for \$5.

## **9. Committee Reports**

none

## **10. Student Updates**

**10.1: Student Council:** J. DeLong's term has now ended and the new committee is now up and running. Kaylee Hyson is the new President, Mackenzie Crouse is the new Vice President and Samantha Sarty is the new Treasurer. No one ran for Secretary so the new committee will be accepting applications for that position (and 1 few others) next week. J. DeLong said that she had a great year and was very happy with how her committee stepped up the Super Saints Assemblies this year. School spirit was one of her goals and she feels like she did a great job. There was a Much Music video dance this month and the turnout was great. Many students commented that they like the music better when Mr. Rhodenizer dj'd the dance.

**10.2: International Student Ambassadors:** There are two new international student ambassadors – Michelle Walters and Drew Whalen. They will attend a training session this summer.

## **11. New Business**

### **11.1 SAC Membership**

The terms and years of members were reviewed. This will be M. McDade and K. Hansen's last meeting. M. McDade is retiring and K. Hansen's term is over and has decided not to renew as she is quite busy with her other community involvements.

## **12. Adjournment**

H. Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Seconded by M. McDade

Next Meeting in September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney