

NGRHS School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2014

1. Call to Order

A. Whalen called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

The following persons were present: S.McGill, S. Joudrey, , A. Whalen, L. Burgoyne, H. Gibson, J. McMullen, , K. Hansen, S. Delaney, J. DeLong, S. Demone, T. Healey, M. McDade.

The following person sent regrets: E. Cook

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by, H.Gibson, seconded by S. Demone to approve the agenda
CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

MOTION: Moved by L. Burgoyne and seconded by S. Joudrey to approve the
CARRIED

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

none

5. Financial Report

The balance in our account is \$2020.25.

6. Correspondence

none

7. Chair Report

International Students: two of our 10 International Students are leaving this

weekend.

8. Principal's Report

8.1 PEBS/ACA Data

November has been a busy month in the office for referrals. Historically, November is a busy month for discipline. Data was reviewed and a conversation between committee members was had about the data. J. McMullen talked about a homework help website that is used in Ontario that could be helpful to some of our students: homeworkhelp.ilc.com. It will be brought up at the next staff meeting.

8.2 Athletics

Our Junior High Hockey Team has had 2 games. The team is working well together and everyone is happy to have a team up and running again in our school. Football sign up for a school team next year has started tonight. If we don't have enough students to make up a team there will be a house league for our school at the field house so any money raised for our football team will be used for that. Soccer season has ended. Both of our Senior high teams (boys and girls) won regionals and provincials, our Junior girls soccer won Regionals and our Junior boys placed 2nd at Districts. Our Volleyball teams are at the end of their season. Our Senior girls placed 2nd at Regionals and are going to Provincials on December 4th in Digby. Our Junior girls placed 2nd at Districts and are going to Regionals next week. Our tier 2, a team consisting of only grade 7's, placed 4th at districts. Basketball – all teams are up and running. Jonathan Crossland (a past grad who now works at UNB) has contacted S. Joudrey and would like to donate a set of senior boys soccer jerseys.

8.3 Bus Accident

Last week there was a bus accident that involved a bus and one of our students. As a result the board is revisiting the policy on how accidents with a bus are dealt with.

8.4. Parent Concern Regarding School Fees

A parent expressed concern earlier in the year about the school community not knowing what the school fees were used for. J. McMullen discussed a list of what the student fees are used for with the committee. L. Burgoyne brought up a few ideas concerning parking passes and locker/lock fees that could help with some of the concerns brought up by the parent. What the fees are used for will be published in our student handbook next year for our school community to see. J. McMullen will discuss the list with staff at the next meeting.

8.5. Healthy Eating Policy

S. McGill discussed the healthy eating policy with the committee. There will be a change in some of the ways that fundraising is done in order to align our fundraising with any changes in this policy.

8.6. Alumni Association

The NGRHS 60th reunion is July 3rd/4th this year and the planning committee is requesting to use the high school for the dance. The request will be formally made when the paperwork has been completed. It will be discussed further by the committee when the paperwork comes in.

9. Student Updates

9.1 General Council Meeting

The committee created a video to advertise the upcoming General Council Meeting; their intent is to get more people involved. The meeting was held this week and 2 students showed up; they are still planning on going ahead with the meetings in the hopes that more students will get involved.

9.2 Sweater Order

Sweater orders have been placed. As a fundraiser it was very successful – 79 sweaters were ordered.

9.3 International Students

As mentioned in the Chair Report, 2 of our International Students are leaving this weekend. At noon today there was cake and pizza in the cafeteria to say goodbye to them.

9.4. Senior Lounge

The committee is working hard to open up a Grad Lounge – they are currently looking for furniture. Their hope is to set up a place where students can go and relax.

9.5 Christmas Celebrations

Lots of things are being planned for the students. Student Council is working hard to keep the things plans a surprise.

9.6 Junior High Update

It was brought up by T. Healey that some of the songs played at the school dances are inappropriate. It was discussed by the committee and will be looked into by Administration.

10. New Business

10.1 Literary Night

20 people were in attendance this year and it was well received. They are planning on having another one next year.

10.2 Fine Arts Program

Drama students are posing as elves at the Bridgewater Mall during Santa Visits. They will receive a \$500 donation for this work.

The Art/Drama night is next week (Wednesday) at 7pm

10.3 We Day

We Day is tomorrow; our Social Justice group is going.

10.4 Christmas Dinner

S. McGill is suggesting that we only have 1 Christmas dinner for staff and students and that it be free (we used to have a free one in the past and also a paid one). H. Gibson suggested that we do it with a food bank donation and everyone thought it was a good idea. It was suggested that SAC make a donation to this dinner again. It was suggested by L. Burgoyne to contact Sysco about donating turkeys to this dinner.

MOTION: Moved by, H.Gibson, seconded by S. Joudrey to donate \$500 to the NGRHS free Christmas Dinner

CARRIED

10.5 Authentic Learning

Staff have been working hard to give our students authentic learning experienced this year. Example – PBL German Chef from NSCC came with 4 students who worked with our students to create a German Dish. Quill Embroidery for Arts and Culture PBL, Seniors – visit to Dalhousie University. O2 – always on the road travelling to colleges and workplaces, Kings College guest lecture.

10.6 After School Activites

It was discussed by L. Burgoyne that when students have after school activities there is no place for them to go and work on their homework. This was further discussed by the committee. The committee asked if it could be decided if the cafeteria could be the place where these student could go S. McGill is going to discuss this with the head custodian. L. Burgoyne also talked to the committee about the Lean Machine Vending Machine – an option for snack stuff in our schools for after school (he saw it at another school). This Lean Machine contains all healthy snacks and is student run. L. Burgoyne suggested that this could be a good idea to have here. J. McMullen will look into the Lean Machine.

11. Adjournment

H. Gibson adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm. Seconded by A. Whalen.

Next Meeting Thursday January 29th @ 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney