

NGRHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

1. Call to Order

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

Attendees:

E. Cook, *Chairperson/Community Representative*
H. Gibson, *Community Representative*
P. Demond, *Parent Representative*
L. Burgoyne, *Vice-Chairperson/Parent Representative*
S. Joudrey, *Staff Representative*
K. Emimo, *Support Staff Representative*
M. Whalen, *Junior High Representative*
A. Whalen, *Parent Representative*
S. McGill, *Principal*
J. McMullen, *Vice-Principal*
S. Demone, *Parent Representative*
K. Hyson, *Senior High Representative*

Regrets: S. Delaney, *Recording Secretary /Staff Representative*

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Correction noted to add M. Whalen to the list of attendees for the October 15, 2015, minutes. Moved by S. Demone, Seconded by A. Whalen, to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion Carried.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

None

5. Financial Report

Presently we have \$1,914.49 on hand. We have received \$714.49 from SSRSB as our annual allotment. H. Gibson inquired with regards to the calculation used to determine the amount. S. McGill explained that it was a base amount plus a per student amount to make up the total allotment.

6. Correspondence

S. Demone presented a question from a parent regarding the forms for *Take Your Student to School* day. Discussion was made surrounding the required paperwork.

7. Chairperson's Report

Nothing to Report. E. Cook inquired about the success of the Internet Safety presentations made by the RCMP. A. Whalen passed along her observations.

8. Principal's Report

8.1. Math 10 Results

S. McGill discussed the Math 10 results from the Province. NGRHS placed in the top of the SSRSB results, although SSRSB placed in the bottom of the Provincial results.

8.2 Renovations

S. McGill reported on the final phases of the school renovations a) new sign/lettering has been installed on the building, b) lobby heaters in the ceiling have been replaced, c) new fume exhaust hood is being installed in the chemistry laboratory (Nov. 20), d) chimney repairs have been completed.

8.3 PEBS Data

Only one red zone issue was reported, majority of the issues surrounded skipping classes and lack of respect/defiance.

8.4 Assignment Completion Data

Referrals are down from year-to-year. Only grades 7-9 are being tracked.

8.5 Annual Turkey Dinner

The annual turkey dinner will be hosted for the Junior High Students on Friday, December 11, 2015, at 12:15 pm. The Senior High Dinner will be hosted on Wednesday, December 16, 2015; at 12:00 pm. Staff and Bus Drivers are invited. Volunteers to assist with serving are appreciated.

H. Gibson made a motion for the SAC to donate \$355.00 (\$1.00 per student) to offset the costs of the dinners. S. Demone seconded. Motion carried.

9 Athletics Report

9.1 **Girls' Soccer** - S. Joudrey reported on the two articles appearing in the local *Progress Bulletin* regarding the Junior Girls' Soccer and Senior Girls' Soccer teams and their gold medal achievements this year at Provincials.

9.2 **Boys' Soccer** - The Senior Boys' Soccer team achieved a silver placing at Provincials.

9.3 **Boys' Volleyball** - Our first team in a long time, and they made a vast improvement over the season.

9.4 **Senior Girls' Volleyball** - The team is playing at Regional's in Clare on November 20/21.

9.5 **Junior Girls' Basketball** - 29 girls have tried out. B. Forrest; B. Wagner, and L. Chagnon will be coaching this season. M. Reeves will be coaching a Junior Girls' Basketball 'B' team.

9.6 **Junior Boys' Basketball** - 24 boys have tried out. N. Steenbeek will be coaching this season. R. Huphman has expressed interest in coaching a 'B' team.

9.7 **Badminton** - R. Huphman has express interest in starting up a school badminton team.

9.8 **Sr. Girls' Basketball** - Approximately ten players have signed up; practices have been taking place. M. Noel is coaching this season.

- 9.9 **Sr. Boy's Basketball** - A few games have taken place already. W. Wagner and D. Penney are coaching.
- 9.10 **Toques** - Softball along with Track & Field teams expressed an interest in selling toques as a fundraising campaign. All thought it would be a good idea. Toques will be Navy with a gold NGRHS embroidered on them.
- 9.11 **Team Photos** - A. Whalen passed along a parents' enquiry regarding the status of the team photos for the winning teams and the project's progress. S. Joudrey outlined what has been done to date and what is remaining to be completed.

10. **International Students**

We have two International Students departing in December and two departing in January. Two new students will be arriving the first of February; Host homes are required, anyone wanting to apply to host an International Student should contact E. Cook.

11. **Student Report - Junior High**

M. Whalen reported on the breakfast program on the morning of November 19th. The program was sponsored on this day by the Dept. of Community Services along with Bernadette Jordan, MP for South Shore/St. Margaret's. Students departed their respective busses, entering the school via the cafeteria entrance where DCS staff and Mrs. Jordan were in attendance preparing a great breakfast for the students as they arrived in school.

12. **Student Council Report**

K. Hyson reported on the activities of the Student's Council. The October Super Saints Assembly took place with announcements and games. Comments were expressed with regards to the lack of student engagement. Movie "night" for Hallowe'en: a movie was shown at lunch time in the gymnasium where popcorn was available to the students. Attendance was very good. There are future plans for more of these movie activities. An enquiry has been made for Grad Committee interest. The Social Justice Committee's main objective has been the "We are Silent" campaign. They have researched this and will be promoting the campaign. The Social Justice Committee will be attending We Day in Halifax on November 27th.

A grade 5 - 7 dance was held on November 10th and was a great success, but there was a lack of students from West Northfield Elementary. Another may take place again in the spring.

13. **New Business**

D. Whalen has made an inquiry regarding his attendance at SAC Meetings. The policy was outlined with regards to observers and submissions to the Chairperson for agenda items.

S. Joudrey reported on the condition of the greenhouse, located on the south side of the school. The greenhouse is in poor condition and probably won't withstand the weather. T. Healy's mother is volunteering to work with students to repair the structure and use it this coming spring.

It was also noted that the shelter at the front of the school property is in need of some repairs. Community comments are that it is crooked; this is a visual anomaly due to the slope of the property. It was asked of this structure could possibly be moved in the future.

K. Emino asked about the possibility of promoting/teaching study skills for grade seven students. Discussion was made surrounding this topic. It was mentioned that K. Stringer could go into classes to assist with this.

Discussion surrounding the Junior High Student's supervised use of the Fitness Room and equipment took place.

Arts night will take place on Wednesday, December 2, 2015; at 7:00 pm. E. Cook stated that this should be placed on our website now for promotion.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm by H. Gibson

Next Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 6:30pm

Minutes submitted by: L. Burgoyne