

# **NGRHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

November 17, 2016

## **1. Call to Order**

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

**The following persons were present:** Eva Cook, Sandra Joudrey, Sherrene Delaney, Beth Collins, Andrea Whalen, Krista Emino, Connor Hall (for Drew Whalen) and Larry Burgoyne

**The following person sent their regrets:** Pam Demond, Howard Gibson, Drew Whalen & Madi Whalen

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

**MOTION:** Moved by A. Whalen, seconded by L. Burgoyne to approve the agenda.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by L. Burgoyne, seconded by S. Joudrey to approve the agenda.

**CARRIED**

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

### **4.1 School Grounds Improvements**

B. Collins explained what has been improved: The bottom parking lot at the front of the school has been widened and new class A has been put down which allows more space for parking. The gazebo from the front of the school has been moved to the side of the school so that it can be used as part of an outdoor classroom (with the other gazebo).

### **4.2. Girls Locker Room Washroom Locks**

The locks discussed in the October meeting have been installed and the shower curtain has put up in the show stall of the boys locker room. That curtain has been destroyed three times and there is one there now. E. Cook began a discussion about how this vandalism is not okay. She stated that students asked for the curtain and now it is being destroyed. E. Cook asked if a sign could be put up and B. Collins said yes. She said that admin would come talk to phys. ed classes about the destruction. C. Hall discussed that there are many classes who go through there so it really is a whole school issue.

### **4.3. Student Success Plans**

B. Collins provided a handout for this and discussed the goals. The Literary Lead Team (Delaney, Woodworth, Wilband, Wilson and Gibson) met and worked to create school goals. The measurement tools for these goals will be the results from the provincial exams. The board is happy with our math and literacy goals. B. Collins explained that the school climate goals will be created at the December staff meeting.

### **5. Financial Report**

The balance in our account remains at \$2195.41.

### **6. Correspondence**

NSSAF Division 2 Soccer Championship thank you letter written to Tammy Gaudet (from the NSSAF Stephen Gallant, Executive Director). *Letter attached.*

### **7. Chair Report**

SAC Workshop on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Hebbville. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **8. Principal's Report**

#### **8.1 Fire drills**

we've had four very successful fire drills; we are exiting quite quickly.

#### **8.2 Office Referral Data**

The data was reviewed.

#### **8.3 Sports**

Cross Country: there were four members on this team and one of them made it to provincials. Both of our senior soccer teams have Provincial banners and our junior girls won their Regional banner. Our Junior Boys Soccer team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in districts. Volleyball: there are playoffs for all three teams this weekend. Senior Boys Hockey is up and running - we have a few boys playing on the Bridgewater team. Basketball teams up and running. We have Junior A/B Girls teams, Junior A/B Boys teams, a Senior Boys team and a Senior Girls team. The senior girls team will, unfortunately, not be registering in the league but they will still run a program and play games at a recreational level. This year, to celebrate the accomplishments of our soccer teams, we had a clap though, where students lined

the hallways and clapped and cheered as the teams walked through. It was really well received.

#### **8.4 School Happenings**

- 8.4.1: Upcoming Events: Nov 30 – Inservice day for Staff, Junior Achievement, Wellness Expo.
- 8.4.2: We have a new student teacher - Jessica Joudrey. She will be working with Mike Wilson.
- 8.4.3: RCH – Craig Smith will be visiting our school on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. He is an accomplished author (*You better be white by 6pm*).
- 8.4.4: Trail Building - Geoff and Trevor took students from Leadership 12, Adv. Sci 10 and O2 to work on the River Ridge Walking Trail. A biologist also went with them and they worked along the riverbed and on the trail
- 8.4.5: Report Cards - go home tomorrow

### **9. Student Updates**

#### **9.1 Seniors**

- 9.1.1. Hats: lots of students have questions about whether or not they can wear hats. Students want to wear them. B. Collins discussed that hats are a concern when it comes to safety. She explained that students are difficult to identify on a security camera and hats make it even more difficult. A discussion was had between the members regarding the role of hats in school.
- 9.1.2. Homeroom Battles – The first round of rewards have been given out. Student Council really feels that the homeroom battle has increased spirit week participation.
- 9.1.3. Grade 5,6,7 Dance Fundraiser: Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 9.1.4. Live Different March 20<sup>th</sup>
- 9.1.5. The Leo’s Club is up and running under the direction of S. Delaney.

#### **9.2 Juniors**

everything seems to be going well

## **10. International Student Update**

The first student leaves next Saturday, the juniors from Columbia leave on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and a group of Columbians also leave on December 4<sup>th</sup>. This Tuesday there will be a going away part for them all in the library. And we are also going to do class photos for them. L. Burgoyne said that he was at a school where they had a photo of their international students each year. The photo included the country each student was from and their names. There are three new students placed in our school district for February and there will likely be a few more.

## **11. New Business**

### **11.1 Christmas Dinner**

In his absence, H. Gibson asked E. Cook to discuss a donation for the Christmas dinner (juniors - Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, seniors – Dec 15<sup>th</sup>). It was decided that the SAC will donate \$350 to help support this dinner.

**MOTION:** Moved by L. Burgoyne, seconded by A. Whalen to donate \$350 to help support the school's Christmas Dinner. **CARRIED**

### **11.2. Possible Strike Action from the teachers.**

In the event of job action, the public will receive 48 hours notice. All SAC committee members expressed concern about this but it was explained by S. Delaney that the NSTU members receive the same notice that the public does so it is hard for everyone.

### **11.3 Social Media**

L. Bugoyne expressed that it would be nice for our school, and the board, to use Twitter as well when it comes to announcing things such as school cancellations and late buses.

### **11.4 Score Clock**

L. Burgoyne asked about the progress of the score clock fundraising. There has been issues with the one we currently have and there was talk last year of some possible fundraising. B. Collins said that she would look into it.

## **12. Adjournment**

E. Cook moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm.

Next Meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>@ 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney