

NGRHS School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2015

1. Call to Order

E. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

The following persons were present: Steve McGill, Sandra Joudrey, Sherrene Delaney, Sally Demone, Eva Cook, Jennifer McMullen, Andrea Whalen, Madison Whalen, Kaylee Hyson, Pam Demond

The following person sends their regrets: Larry Burgoyne, Howard Gibson, Krista Emino

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by, S. Demone, seconded by P.Demond to approve the agenda with the changes mentioned above. **CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

This was done after the September meeting via email correspondence

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

A discussion was had about the meeting from October 5th regarding School Boundaries

5. Financial Report

5.1 The School's financial report will be at the next meeting

5.2 The balance in our account was \$1200 as of June 2015. We have not yet received our 2015/2016 allotment from the School Board.

6. Correspondence

S. McGill received a letter from a parent requesting the financial reports for the teams that her child is on at the end of the season. S. McGill will ensure that this happens. It was discussed that adding, to the athletic letter, an explanation of

what games cost for each sport

7. Chair Report

nothing to report

8. Principal's Report

8.1 Renovations

S. McGill met with Andy Selig and other men from Operations regarding our renovations. Currently, our chimney is currently being worked on. The liner made for our chimney does not fit so the plan is for operations to make room in the chimney to fit the liner. We have never had a chimney liner. The door alarm is not active yet but will be soon and front door will be re-keyed. There are new lights outside of the front doors and new heaters will be installed in the lobby. There will also be new school letters on front of building. The oil tank is done and after the chimney is finished the landscaping will be finished around it

8.2 Trailblazer

This is an after school program under the direction of the Municipality that works on female leadership. It involves 12 girls from grades 7-9. They work on leadership

8.3 Athletics

Our junior girls soccer is first in their league and they are hosting districts on Tuesday. The junior boys team are second in the league and host districts on Wednesday. Our senior girls team are hosting regionals here and our senior boys are travelling to Digby for their regionals. Our volleyball teams are up and running; we have 3 teams and our basketball teams are starting up tomorrow. We now have a wrestling team (2 members) and they practice at PVEC. There will not be a junior high hockey team this year as we don't have the numbers or the facilities. The senior high hockey program coop still does exist with BJSB – 6 of our players are going to play with them. This team is only playing exhibition games. It was asked if that meant that they were not able to play in regionals, and the answer wasn't known but it was thought that because they weren't playing in league games, they would not be in the playoffs.

8.5 ACA and Behavioural Data

Data was reviewed and discussed.

8.6 International Students

A few of our International Students are leaving end of November and beginning of December. Some students have expressed concern about feeling like they haven't integrated into a peer group at our school. K. Hyson agreed that she could see that this was happening and said that she feels like the international students and our students are hesitant to make the move. The Welcoming School sign is up in the lobby. Applications are starting to come in for next semester. If you know any families who are interested please let Eva know. Criteria: 1) They have to have their own bedroom (unless it's a short term) 2) Host families must supply 3 meals a day 3) you must take them to get involved in the community. Families are compensated.

8.7 Newsletter

The school newsletter will be going out quarterly again this year. The first one goes out next week.

9. Committee Reports

nothing to report

10. Student Updates

Seniors

- 1) Halloween movie night Oct 30 (hoping to plan)
 - 2) slime a teacher fundraiser
 - 3) Student vote – student vote on Tuesday. All classes came down and went through the voting process. Some students didn't even know why they were there. Would like to see more preparation
 - 4) Student Council is going to expand the bulletin board that the grads sign. The one that is there is very full.
 - 5) There is a low interest in student council – going to try to get more people involved. E. Cook suggested trying to get the juniors involved.
 - 6) Student Council Constitution – member have been working at making changes to this since September. It hasn't been updated for quite some time
- juniors
- 1) Theme days - seem to be well received. It was suggested that Student Council put out a suggestion box for theme days.

11. New Business

11.1 PowerSchool App

A. Whalen was asking about the PowerSchool app. She said that she used it a lot

and really misses it. S.McGill is going to check into it the mobile app and will let A. Whalen know what he finds out. He said that it was disabled because it was he was told it was inaccurate.

11.2 Student Engagement

A discussion was had about how to engage students who aren't involved on sport teams or clubs. Are there other ways to get our juniors involved during lunchtime? K. Hyson said that she was going to talk about that with Student Council and find a way to offer some different things. K. Hyson mentioned offering the yoga room as an option at lunch time and M. Whalen said that there would be some juniors who would be interested.

11.3 Holiday Dinner

E. Cook wondered if SAC was needed to help with anything and S. McGill said it would be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment

S. Demone moved to adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm. S. Joudrey seconded it.

Next Meeting Thursday November 19th @ 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney