

# **NGRHS School Advisory Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 13, 2016

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

E. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

**The following persons were present:** Eva Cook, Sandra Joudrey, Sherrene Delaney, Beth Collins, Howard Gibson, Andrea Whalen, Krista Emino, Madison Whalen, Drew Whalen, Larry Burgoyne, Pam Demond and Howard Gibson

**The following person sent their regrets:** Sally Demone

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

**MOTION:** Moved by A. Whalen, seconded by B. Collins to approve the agenda.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by S. Joudrey, seconded by A. Whalen to approve the agenda.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **4.1. School Grounds Improvements from last year**

will be discussed next meeting.

### **5. Financial Report**

The balance in our account is \$2195.41

### **6. Correspondence**

no correspondence to review

### **7. Chair Report**

E. Cook noted that all is going well with the start of the new school year and B. Collins agreed.

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

B Collins provided the committee with a Principal's Report handout.

#### **8.1 Behaviour Data**

data was reviewed

## **8.2 Occupations Health and Safety**

We've done all three necessary fire drills and everything went well. Today we had one with the fire department and we evacuated in less than six minutes. We will also have to do a lock down drill and a hold and secure drill. The school's evacuation (relocation) plan has been revised. We used to have the fire hall as a secondary relocation spot but we now go to the Anglican Church and Anglican Church hall.

## **8.3 Grad Information Night**

This night was very well attended. Students and their parents/guardians received important information regarding things such as post secondary education, scholarships/bursaries and grad committees. S. Delaney suggested that with the help of technology, this meeting probably wouldn't have to happen next year as information could be accessed by the parents/guardians/students on a webpage (and paper copies would be sent out to anyone who requests it). A. Whalen and L. Burgoyne who were at the meeting both agreed that moving the information online next year instead of having the meeting would be a good idea.

## **8.4 Provincial Assessments**

Reports are going home tomorrow to students who wrote grade 8 and 10 provincial assessments last year. Staff members will be reviewing results and using those results to inform instruction and offer support to students where needed.

## **8.5. Class Sizes**

B. Collins provided a chart with the break down of class sizes. She explained that some classes are large but overall our class sizes are reasonable. She discussed that particular attention will be paid to scheduling the Global History classes next year as they are very large this year and they are a requirement for graduation. H. Gibson noted that class sizes of 30 students or more is still considerably large and there was a discussion about the importance of variety in course offerings and how it affects class sizes.

## **8.6 RCH Presentation**

B. Collins reviewed the RCH SSRSB policy with the committee through a PowerPoint presentation.

## **8.7 Athletics**

S. Joudrey explained to the group that a complaint was lodged with NSSAF against our senior girls soccer team regarding excessive goals scored during a particular

game. S. Joudrey, in her athletic director role, along with T. Gaudet worked together with that team, the NSSAF and the complainant to resolve the situation. Both our senior girls and the senior boys teams are doing well and they are at or near the top of their league. The junior girls will be heading to playoffs next week as the first placed team in their division. Junior boys are heading to playoffs as well. Volleyball is also up and running. The senior girls volleyball team is doing well and participating in a valley league every week. The junior girls and senior boys volleyball seasons are just starting. This year we have some boys (7/8) playing on the BJSB hockey team. A. Whalen suggested that the school advertise those games so that our school could come and support our players. The basketball teams have started by offering open gym skills nights where anyone is welcome and Drama has also started under the direction of Mike Howlett. Band is also up and running.

## **9. Student Updates**

### **9.1 Seniors**

- 9.1.1** There is a dance next Wednesday. The date was originally set for October 27<sup>th</sup> had to be moved in order to have staff chaperones
- 9.1.2** On October 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a super saint assembly. Student council is planning to have a slime the staff fundraising event and an activity period the includes things like: a haunted house, pumpkin painting, Halloween movie and popcorn. There will also be a spirit week that week.
- 9.1.3.** Hat day last month brought in \$82. D. Whalen explained that Student's Council is going to use that money to help pay for a Live Different presentation.
- 9.1.4.** Student's council, on behalf of the students, made a \$500 donation to the family of an NGRHS student who is quite sick. Peter Silver also donated \$100 of his own money to that same family.
- 9.1.5.** There is now a Leo's Club (the student version of a Lion's Club) at our school. They had an interest meeting this week and the turn out was great.
- 9.1.6.** There has been a 2 minute change to the school's afternoon schedule and D. Whalen asked why the 2 minutes weren't just added to the beginning of the day to avoid confusion with all new afternoon times. D. Whalen explained that drivers are feeling rushed and L. Burgoyne added that his daughter mentioned that as well. B. Collins explained that it wasn't put at the beginning of the day because we also have late buses and that would make them even more late.

### **9.2 Juniors**

- 9.2.1** M. Whalen, suggested that Student's Council go around again and talk about

the battle of the homerooms to make sure that all students understand it. D. Whalen said that he would make sure that would happen.

**9.2.2.** The juniors now have paper towel in their washrooms and they really like it.

**9.2.3.** M. Whalen said that the locks on the bathroom doors in the girl's locker room don't work. B. Collins said that she would look into it.

## **10. International Student Update**

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, a group of International Students from Columbia will be coming to the South Shore and we will have 6-8 of them at our school. Bailey Connors is the junior ambassador who will help these students while they are here. A teacher also came with the students and he is here to help out a few days a week.

## **11. New Business**

**11.1 Intramural Program:** This year S. Joudrey (with the help of Mike O'Hearon and Tammy Gaudet) have started a soccer intramural program at noon. There are 3 senior teams and 2 junior teams who have registered and the league ran 3 days of the cycle. While S. Joudrey commented that she had hoped to get more students involved, all has been going well. There will be another set of intramural for a different sport in the future.

## **12. Adjournment**

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

Next Meeting Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney