



MINUTES

NGRHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 19, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Revision A

IN ATTENDANCE

Eva Cook – Chairperson	Howard Gibson – Community Representative
Larry Burgoyne – Vice-Chair/Secretary	Andrea Whalen – Parent Representative
Sally Demone – Parent Representative	Sophie Mansfield – Sr. High Representative
Michelle Reeves-Slaunwhite – Teacher Representative	Katlyn Grimm – Jr. High Representative
Carmen Woodworth – Teacher Representative	Regrets: Tanya Snyder – Support Staff Representative
Ruth Wilkins – Principal (Ex-Officio)	Pam DeMond – Parent Representative
Jennifer McMullen – Teacher Representative	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

H. Gibson moved for the approval of the agenda, seconded by C. Woodworth. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the September meeting.

Amendments: J. McMullin to be listed as Teacher Representative, not Ex-Officio.

C. Woodworth moved for the approval of the amended minutes, seconded by A. Whalen. Passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Wilkins reported that the Council's present bank balance is \$2,348.00, including the \$1,000.00 already committed to the Learning Commons furniture purchase. Our allotment from South Shore Regional School Board will be provided in November.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from Scott Milner, regarding the School Advisory Councils workshop. The workshop will be held at Forest Heights Community School on November 7th. The Agenda and topics are being worked on at this time.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report from the Chair

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Ruth Wilkins presented her report. (See attached Addendum A).

A copy of the School's Fall Newsletter was distributed.

The School's Student Success Plan was distributed for review, as well as a copy of the S.S.P. School Annual Report Template.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports

- Students Council, reported by Sophie Mansfield
 - Student's Council has been very busy.
 - Assemblies were held on the first day of school, separate events for both juniors and seniors, where explanations and discussions on the roles of council members were held.
 - Class representatives have been chosen.
 - Student's Council meets once per cycle.
 - A *Get Involved* Board has been posted where opportunities for student involvement are listed.
 - Spirit week was held during the first week of school. Junior and Senior prizes were available each day, as well as an opportunity for one person to win dance passes for the year.
 - A Spirit week was held again during the week of October 16th.
 - On October 31, Hallowe'en afternoon there will be cookie decorating, movies, a haunted lab will take place in the Biology classroom, as well as Slime the Teacher.
 - Plans are to move away from standard assemblies.
 - A talent show is being planned for the end of November, the day to be decided.
 - There have been positive comments regarding the spirit of the Student's Council
- Sports, reported by M. Reeves-Slauenwhite
 - The junior soccer teams have advanced to finals to be held October 20th.
 - The senior girls' soccer team is first in the district and will be playing at N.G.R.H.S. on Saturday, October 21, 2017.
 - The senior boys' soccer team is first in the district and will be playing at Middleton High School on Saturday, October 21, 2017.
 - Cross Country – Geneva McDormand placed 10th in the Women's 4K at Regionals.
 - Volleyball is underway, our senior boys have combined with boys from École de la Rive Sud to form a team. Grade nine girls have been combined with the senior high girls to form a team.
 - Signup sheets for basketball have been posted. Blair Forrest will be coaching.
- International Students
 - There are 28 International students at present.
 - Students from Turkey have gone home.
 - Students from Columbia have one month left.

NEW BUSINESS

SAC

- The SAC reviewed the Letter of Agreement as well as a Sample Letter of Agreement and By-Laws.

- The SAC Structure will consist of the following persons:
 - Principal (Ex-Officio, no voting privileges)
 - Four Parent Representatives
 - Two Student Representatives (one junior and one senior)
 - Three Teacher Representatives
 - One Support Staff Representative
- As present parent representative terms have concluded, a call for parent representative volunteers will go out before the next meeting. All present parent representatives have reoffered.

Holiday Meal

- Cafeteria staff not interested in doing the Holiday Meal due to the volume of work, and that they had a lot of food left over at Thanksgiving.
- Last year there were no volunteers permitted due to Work-to-Rule.
- Should look at having O2 students prepare the meal along with a chef who will train them during a day or two before hand.
- Eva to contact Eden Farms for turkeys.
- Howard moved that the SAC contribute \$350.00 towards the Holiday Meal; Andrea seconded; Motion passed.

NEXT MEETINGS

November 23, 6:30pm, NGRHS Library/New Learning Commons.

Principal's Report – SAC

October 19th, 2017

Attendance Policy:

- distributed to families in paper copy last week
- posted on the school website as well

SSP:

- New process is supposed to require less documentation – no more binders
- Goals to be broad
- Only 2-3 strategies
- Staff considering ideas for Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment Goal

Learning Commons:

- Work to begin on October 27th (removal of shelving, repairing and painting walls, laying carpet tile)
- Space will be closed for about a week
- Books all set up in room 306
- Will be selecting furniture with student and staff feedback

Activities:

O2

- Attending NSCC campuses this week, grade 10's in Bridgewater and grade 11's in Dartmouth
- Work it Grant – outdoor instructional space
- Field trips to Waterfront market, Neptune Theatre, Trades hall, Sherbrooke Lake camp
- Completed the set up of an alternate library
- Will be setting up a Free Store to help with the needs of our students (donations) Stelia North America Social Committee has donated \$500 thanks to Larry!
- Organizing Halloween activities at the elementary school

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- spent 3 days/2 nights out camping and canoeing

- Terry Fox run