



MINUTES

NGRHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 21, 2017 6:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Eva Cook – Chairperson

Regrets: Howard Gibson – Community Representative

Larry Burgoyne – Vice-Chair/Secretary

Andrea Whalen – Parent Representative

Sally Demone – Parent Representative

Michelle Reeves – Teacher Representative

Carmen Woodworth – Teacher Representative

Ruth Wilkins – Principal (Ex-Officio)

Jennifer McMullen – Vice Principal (Ex-Officio)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

S. Demone moved for the approval of the agenda, seconded by C. Woodworth. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the April meeting. S. Demone moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by M. Reeves. Passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No current bank balance was available, best estimates based upon our previous balance, the Council presently has \$1,987.59 in our account.

CORRESPONDENCE

Newsletter received from the N.S. Federation of Home & School Associations.

A letter was forwarded by Scott Milner from Elliott Payzant, chair of the SSRSB, regarding the School Advisory Councils.

- November 7th has been set as the date for the annual Regional SAC Workshop.
- Public SSRSB meetings will take place throughout the year, the June meeting will take place at NGRHS.
- The letter also highlighted the Board's Anti-Bullying campaign, featuring #Togetherness.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- No report from the Chair

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

A request was made for an SAC financial contribution towards the procurement of furniture for the new Learning Commons. After some discussions it was suggested that the SAC could contribute up to \$1,000.00 towards the purchase. S. Demone moved the Council provide \$1,000.00, L. Burgoyne seconded the motion; passed unanimously. R. Wilkins, will verify the Council's bank balance before the transfer takes place.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new attendance policy was discussed.

The school's Communications Plan was distributed for approval by the SAC. L. Burgoyne moved the adoption of the Plan. C. Woodworth seconded. Approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports

- Students Council
 - No Student representatives were present to provide a report.
- Sports
 - The school has four soccer teams playing this season.
 - Cross Country is up and going.
 - Jr. Girl's try outs for Volleyball has taken place. 18 girls were in attendance.
 - Only three boys are interested in playing volleyball. T. Gaudet has sent a request to the NSSAF to have a combined team with Ecole de la Rive Sud.
- International Students
 - There are eight returning students.
 - 17 students in attendance for periods ranging from three months to the full school year.
 - There will be four students from Turkey attending NGRHS for a period of one month.
 - There will be four girls from Columbia attending Junior High for a period of eight weeks.
 - Student Ambassadors are Alex Joudrey and Ryleigh Flemming.

NEW BUSINESS

A School clothing order will be arranged soon, for delivery prior to Christmas.

NEXT MEETING

October 19, 6:30pm, NGRHS Library.

Principal's Report

SAC – September 21, 2017

- Great Start up:
- strong leadership from student council and Ms. Conrad
- very positive atmosphere
- Very clean building
- Technology working

- New/Returning Staff:
- Stephanie Lowe – AP Bio and Chem, Chem II &12, Bio 11 & 12, Sci 10
- Alan Robart – custodial
- Craig Bolivar – custodial
- Trevor Kendall – grade 9 English and Math
- Kelly Barker – Art 7-12 running an art club
- Jen Newell – Technician
- Jen Fancy – TA
- Linda Mailman - Tuesdays

- Learning commons
- Board has committed to getting the shelves removed, walls painted and carpet tile laid this fall
- Furniture will be a cost share – need to come up with \$5000 (SAC? SSP, Cafeteria Society)
- O2 students have been moving books and putting together shelving under kathryn's leadership in room 306 to create a library space
- Goal is to have some technology installed – apple tv's
- Technology integration – approval from SS and other board sources for funds to cover sub days.

- Scheduling Concerns:
- We are having some significant conflicts with students and the schedule. Several required courses cannot be scheduled in for students so we are creating work around solutions as best as we can
- NSISP student impact

- Students in need:

- We have quite a few students in significant need. We are feeding many students
 - Snacks for lockers
 - Breakfast items
 - Winter is a concern
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- Awards Night:
 - community came out
 - great night – shortened version
 - Jen – instrumental in its success – many hours/days
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- Europe Trip
 - Spain, France, Netherlands – March Break 2019
 - Trip is full at 42 participants
 - Organized by Mike and Mike
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- Remembrance Day
 - combined with elementary grades 4-6
 - veterans to eat at NGES
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- O2 has been very active
 - love hands on
 - going on a trip next week to Sherbrooke lake camp
 - NSCC
 - Neptune Theatre
 - Lots of team building
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- Communication Plan
 - approval
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- #togethersrsb