



MINUTES

NGRHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 25, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Revision B

IN ATTENDANCE

Howard Gibson – Community Rep./Vice-Chair

Larry Burgoyne – Community Representative/Secretary

Sally Demone – Parent Representative

Michelle Reeves-Slaunwhite – Teacher Representative

Carmen Woodworth – Teacher Representative

Ruth Wilkins – Principal (Ex-Officio)

Jennifer McMullen – Teacher Representative

Nicole Holland – Parent Representative

Sophie Mansfield – Sr. High Representative

Shay Carver – Jr. High Representative

Regrets: Tanya Snyder – Support Staff Representative

Andrea Whalen – Parent Representative

Eva Cook – Parent Representative/Chairperson

Guest: Mason Demone

H. Gibson led meeting as Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the November meeting.

L. Burgoyne moved for the approval of the minutes.

Amendments: S. Demone pointed out that reference to the Sr. Boys' Volleyball players joining with Ecole de la Rive Sud was omitted.

S. Demone moved for the approval of the amended minutes, seconded by J. McMullen. Passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Wilkins reported that the \$300.00 was spent to support the Holiday dinners.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received regarding the Minister's response to the Glaze Report..

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report from the Chair

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports

- Students Council
 - Spirit week to take place February 12th through 16th, Candy Grams will be sold.
 - December and January – held activities such as movies, hot chocolate, and a Winter Carnival.
 - Dances are held during the spirit weeks.
 - A talent show will be held on February 15th, 11 acts have signed up to participate.
 - A survey has been sent out to the students asking about Saint Strut and what activities are wanted.
 - A comment box is located in the office.
 - A school clothing order is being prepared. Order forms are available from S. Conrad and A. LeFave.
 - The Grad Committees are starting up.
 - Drama Club are looking for monetary support for their spring production.
 - Leo & Lions Club donated over \$2,000.00 worth of gifts and gift cards to M. Wilson's I.W.K Hospital toy drive.
- Sports, reported by M. Reeves-Slaunwhite
 - Four basketball teams are up and running.
 - Sr. Boys are having a difficult time with work and school commitments, Jr. boys have been pulled up to assist.
 - Badminton will be started in February.

OLD BUSINESS

- Shop Classroom
 - Has been placed in proposal for the spring budget. S. Cameron, E. Collins, and J. DeWolfe will be visiting NGRHS to look at the space and requirements. R. Wilkins and S. Risser to create a wish list of items.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business to discuss.
- Committee asked to keep exams in mind when scheduling next year's meeting schedule, and avoid exam week.

S. Demone moved for adjournment at 7:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

February 22, 2018, 6:30pm, NGRHS Learning Commons.

SAC Principal's Report January 25th, 2018

Christmas Dinner

The O2 grade 10 students along with Janet, Sheila, Kathryn, Terri and myself prepared the food from scratch and cooked all the turkeys. Eva Cook was instrumental in the success of the meal by soliciting the donation of all the turkeys!

Servers: Terri Robar, Sheila Wentzell, Eva Cook, Jen McMullen, Chris Wentzell, Chris Wentzell's mom.

Was a huge success with significant contributions from:

- Eden Valley Farms (180lbs of turkey)
- LaHave Bakery (40 loaves of bread)
- Freshmart (150 lbs of potatoes)
- Sysco (Carrots and Peas)
- Terra Beata Cranberries (25 lbs of cranberries)

With all the donations of products and the \$300 donation from SAC we were able to feed the entire school, the operations staff for the board, and the bus drivers for about \$500 of school funds.

Thank you letters have been sent to all the donators.

Arts Night – December 6th

- Great turn out
- Huge thank you to Kelly Barker, the drama club and Marlene Blezy for organizing
- Art display in the LC, Dramatic performances and Musical performances in the gym

We Day – November 30th

Kathryn and Chris took our Social Justice group to We Day

The students and staff had a great experience

The Grade 9 Cultural Food Expo - December 11th

Jeff Rhodenizer and Mike O'Hearon's grade 9 social studies class researched different countries in groups and brought in food from their countries as well as information displays about the country.

Culturally Relevant Pedagogy Coach – Ken Fells

Ken has been in the school 6-7 days throughout December and January working with students and staff around various cultural lessons.

African Drumming

Military Discussions

African Counting

Book of Negroes

Physical Education Leadership Fundraising Activities

- Winter Carnival activities on the last day before break

- Great participation
- Movie, board games, outdoor, robotics activities

Learning Commons

- Further funding was approved from budget surplus from the board
- Furniture: 4 bar height tables with 6 chairs each, and 2 low tables with 6 chairs each, 6 inside curve sofas, 2 bar height round tables with chairs, 2 round tables with chairs
- Lamps
- 30 chrome books ordered – will be housed in the office for students to sign out as need for use in the Learning Commons, or teachers can sign out a set to use in the Learning Commons

Restorative Approach

- Jen McMullen, Ann Lambe, Chris Wentzell and myself attended workshops on restorative approach
- The board has arranged for 80 staff to receive 4 days of training
- Plan is to implement the approach board wide

Newsletter - Winter edition is in the works

SSP – Expanded to include 5 goals

Course Selection and Scheduling

- currently meeting with lead teachers to talk about selections for the upcoming year
- updating the course selection guide
- discussing schedule structure

Alternate Seating in ELA classroom

- Chris Wentzell and Jen McMullen have worked to introduce alternate seating options in our ELA 7-8 classroom
- Wobble chairs, bistro table/standing desk, horseshoe table, stability balls, mats, and wobble cushions
- Provides students with options for movement and flexibility while engaging with the curriculum
- Student surveys and parent surveys

Score Clock and Shot Clocks

- looking for donations to offset cost
- would like to consider advertisements in the gym for those that donate
- cost is around \$10000 for both pieces
- Shot clocks alone are \$4000-6000, but combined around \$10000
- Old score clock – company is defunct so cannot get parts etc.