



# MINUTES

NGRHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 22, 2018 6:30 p.m.

## IN ATTENDANCE

Howard Gibson – Community Rep./Vice-Chair	Eva Cook – Parent Representative/Chairperson
Larry Burgoyne – Community Representative/Secretary	Sophie Mansfield – Student Representative
Sally Demone – Parent Representative	Mason Demone
Michelle Reeves-Slaunwhite – Teacher Representative	Regrets: Nicole Holland – Parent Representative
Andrea Whalen – Parent Representative	Carmen Woodworth – Teacher Representative
Ruth Wilkins – Principal (Ex-Officio)	
Jennifer McMullen – Teacher Representative	

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

H. Gibson moved for the approval of the agenda, seconded by M. Reeves-Slaunwhite. Passed unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the January meeting.

S. Demone moved to approval the minutes, seconded by H. Gibson. Passed unanimously.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation was received for the SAC Chairs to meet with Minister Churchill. Eva requested to have any comments or concerns which we have to be forwarded to her to be passed along during an open table discussion.

## 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

- Talent show went well.
- Planning underway for Saints Strut.
  - Magician has been booked.
  - Bounce Castles, Tug of War are some of the ideas.
- Graduation committees are starting up.
  - An order for hoodies and sweatpants will be going out.
- NGRHS will be hosting an elementary dance next month, March 22, 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
- Drama
  - Drama club are interested in doing a dinner theatre or something more interactive with the audience, this is in the planning stages. The second option would be a May production.
- Sports, reported by M. Reeves-Slauenwhite
  - Senior Boys and Junior Boys Basketball teams have wrapped up their season.
  - Junior Girls won Districts which were hosted at NGRHS. Regionals to be held in Bridgetown on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Senior Girls claimed third place at Districts. Provincials to be held in Millwood.
- International Students
  - We are down to 18 students for this semester, eight are new students.
  - E. Cook is looking for host families in the community.
  - Possibly there will be a group of Turkish students coming in May.

## OLD BUSINESS

- No old business discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- February 11<sup>th</sup>, E. Cook distributed an email to non-teaching members of the SAC with regards to hosting a luncheon for teaching staff in observation of Teacher Appreciation week. H. Gibson moved to support the luncheon for a value up to \$250.00. This was unanimously supported.
- February 22, H. Gibson moved that we make up the financial difference in the cost of the food from Subway.

S. Demone moved for adjournment.

## NEXT MEETINGS

March 29, 2018, 6:30pm, NGRHS Learning Commons.

## SAC Principal's Report

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

### Exam Week and New Semester

- Exams ran smoothly
- Second semester course changes happened quickly and there were very few

### Regional PD Day

- Damian Cooper presented to all staff at PVEC on Formative Assessment
- Breakout sessions throughout the day
- Mr. O'Hearon, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Rhodenizer each presented at the conference.

### Learning Commons

- 30 Chrome books are ready to go to be signed out
- tables have all arrived
- Awaiting the sofas

### SSP

- Submitted to the board.
- We received significant positive feedback regarding our goals and the direction of the school
- Will incorporate our SSP goals in April PD

### Course Selection and Scheduling

- First staffing meeting has taken place
- We are in a good position for next year with a slight increase in enrolment
- Grade 9 parent night March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons

### Score Clock and Shot Clocks

- We are passed the halfway point
- Have had some very large donations
- Howard Gibson and Angie Connors have been meeting with businesses and other organizations to solicit funds
- The Porter family organized and ran a canteen this past weekend raising over \$650.00!
- Gift card basket was put together by the Porters with donations from each of the basketball teams. We have sold over 500 tickets to date and hope to sell 1000 by the end of next week.

ECHO Project - Peyton and Makenna Lipsett, along with Chris Wentzell, are working on a project named ECHO (Empowering Communities, Helping Others). They are partnering with NSCC to build homes for people in need through the applied learning programs offered at the college. They have already met with David Mitchell (the Mayor of Bridgewater), Blair Lipsett (the Academic Chair of Trades and Technology at NSCC), the first year drafting students at NSCC, and Nick Brown (the Development Officer). They are currently trying to get in touch with other projects similar to their own, and are hopeful to reach their goal of building small, sustainable, affordable homes for those who need them.