

NGRHS School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2014

1. Call to Order

E. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

The following persons were present: Steve McGill, Sandra Joudrey, Sherrene Delaney, Sally Demone, Andrea Whalen, Jordi DeLong, Eva Cook, Larry Burgoyne, Jennifer McMullen, Kelly Hansen, Terence Healy

The following person sends their regrets: Margot McDade

2. Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by, A. Whalen, seconded by S. Joudrey to approve the agenda with the changes mentioned above. **CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

MOTION: Moved by, A. Whalen , seconded by S. Demone to approve the May minutes as amended **CARRIED**

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

none

5. Financial Report

The balance in our account was \$1542.25 as of last year. On September 1st we received \$478.00 from the South Shore Regional School Board.

6. Correspondence

none

7. Chair Report

nothing to report

8. Principal's Report

8.1 Introduction to our new Vice Principal

J. McMullen made a short "Prezi" presentation about herself so that the SAC could learn a bit about her.

8.2 Staffing

Trevor McMullen was hired in the 20% job-share position with Chris Wentzell. Michelle Reeves was hired in a permanent position in as our Senior High Resource Teacher. Michael Howlett is gone on parental leave so Liz Ryan is in for him until May. Dale Bruhm is out on long term disability for at least 3 months and Sarah Baldwin Penney is in for him.

8.3 Parent/Teacher Meeting

All Parent/Teacher meetings are at the same time across the board – our date is October 29th. Our times were staggered with WNES and NGE so that parents were about to attend Parent/Teacher if they had children at each school

8.4 Behaviour Support Dog

Tucker has joined our staff this year as a Behavior Support Dog. Tucker is a 5-year-old border collie. He will be working in one-on-one with students and also in small groups. A. Whalen's daughter in grade 7 commented that they don't get enough time with tucker – our students are all very happy to have him here. S. Delaney talked a bit about the program.

8.5 Annual Report

Principals have to do an annual report about what was accomplished in the schools that year. Our report will be on our website by the end of this month. S. McGill will email it out to the SAC to be reviewed.

8.6 CSI

We scored below the national level in the Tell Them From Me surveys when it came to school engagement so staff is working on how to make that better. We are

also working on a writing goal.

8.7 PBL

We now offer Project Based learning to our grade 8's. Sandra Joudrey, Jeff Rhodenizer, Christine Delong are the PBL teachers. S. Joudrey explained a bit about how the PBL is working. Every term they switch groups and so far, the students are really enjoying it.

8.8. Visual Arts

The art show talked about in May's minutes is happening. Sharon Jewer at the Board Office is coordinating it. Our school will be featured first – every few months they will change up the school that they exhibit.

8.9 Events

Last night was Meet the Teacher, the Grade 7 Meeting and Academic Awards night. We combined these events all in one night and it was well received. Over 100 students were recognized at the Academic Awards night. A. Whalen commented that having Academic Awards at the beginning of the year was a good idea because it helps to motivate the students for the upcoming year. S. Demone echoed that comment.

8.10 TELP

This is our 2nd year with the TELP program. Every student in grade 7 & 8 has one. S. Demone commented on this program (her son is in his second year now). He commented that last year he expected to use it more than he did.

8.11 International Students

We have 10 international students here this year. E. Cook commented that things are going well and the students are fitting in well. We have 2 student ambassadors Jordi DeLong and Kyle Lowe. The goal is to grow our numbers and S.McGill said that as the program grows, the school will ensure that we have English Language Support for them as soon as they arrive. We currently have a tutor (a retired teacher) to help out some of our International Students with ESL.

9. Committee Reports

nothing to report

10. Student Updates

10.1 Student Council Update

Last week we had a week of theme days, Super Saints Assembly and a dance. All of the Student Council Committees have formed and are up and running with committee heads. The Terry Fox Run was today and was coordinated by our new Physical Education Leadership 12 students. Student's Council is also working on setting up a bulletin board with information about international students and also on getting together a senior lounge.

10.2 Junior High Update

It was brought to the attention of the SAC that homophobia appears to be an issue. As a committee we discussed how this issue could be dealt with.

11. New Business

Athletics

Our soccer teams and volleyball teams up and running. Basketball is in the planning stages. We have coaches in place for all of our school teams except for a Junior boys Basketball team. We have a coaching training session coming up on October 1st for new coaches to our school. There has been a lot of put on the school to start up a football team at our school. S. McGill has been in contact with them discussing the possibility of having a team at our school next year. Planning is in the preliminary stages and nothing has been decided yet. Junior High hockey – our team is trying to merge with the French school to make a team. E. Cook made the comment that there was not a drama club this year. J. DeLong commented that students asked the organizing teacher if there would be a club. She was told that if there were enough committed students, there could be a May play. It was suggested that it be put out in the community to see if there were any interested people.

11.2 Elections

We have one spot open on the SAC for a Community Member. Howard Gibson will be the newest member. E. Cook suggested that the next time we need a community member, we put it in the New Germany Connections Newsletter.

Chair – S. Joudrey nominated E. Cook. Seconded by A. Whalen. E. Cook accepted the nomination. A vote was taken, and E. Cook returns as Chairperson.

Vice Chair- S. Joudrey nominated A.Whalen. Seconded by E.Cook. A.Whalen accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and A. Whalen is the new Vice Chairperson.

Secretary – S. Joudrey nominated S. Delaney. Seconded by K. Hansen. S. Delaney accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and S. Delaney returns as the Secretary.

12. Adjournment

E. Cook adjourned the meeting at 8:12. Seconded by A. Whalen.

Next Meeting Tuesday October 14th @ 6:30pm in the library.

Minutes submitted by: S. Delaney