



**NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes December 12th, 2018**

TIME: 2:35pm

ATTENDANCE: **Principal: Mr O'Quinn**
Teachers: Ms. Slade, Ms. MacLeod
Support Staff: Sheila Ernst
Community Rep: Nadine Hackney
Parent Reps: Jennifer Burgess (sends regrets), Katie Hirtle
(acting Chair), Isabel Hackney

MINUTES: October 4th, 2018
Moved by: Katie Hirtle
Seconded by: Sheila Ernst
To accept minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Parent Rep and Community Rep
 - Move motion to have Isabel Hackney as a Parent Rep and Nadine Hackney as the Community Rep.
 - Moved by Katie MacLeod, seconded by Jessie Slade
 - All voted in favour. Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 1.) Enrollment is at 101 (with pre-primary).
- 2.) No staffing update at this time.
- 3.) Christmas Concert is scheduled for Dec. 13th at 6pm.
- 4.) Turkey Dinner happened on Dec. 6th. It was a great success and a huge thank you goes out to Margaret and her team.
- 5.) Tree Decorating at the Cross happened on Dec. 6th and went very well.
- 6.) Food Bank Can Rolling Competition will happen on Dec. 21st.
- 7.) Last day before Holiday break is Dec. 21st.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) SAC Regional Meeting Liverpool

- Dave attended meeting.
- Suspensions no longer an SAC decision, now goes directly to Regional Centre (starts April 1st)
- New SAC Agreement and Bylaws need to be revised by March 31st. Dave will send out a copy of our current Agreement and we can review next meeting.
- Regional Centre wants feedback on Supervision of Extracurricular Activities Policy. We discussed the policy as a group and have no concerns with the policy as it stands.
- SAC have \$5000. We have 70% of these funds and will get the rest in April. There are guidelines on how that can be spent. All expenditures must fit into one of the 3 spending categories: 1) supporting the school improvement plan (ex. Providing resources to support math and literacy instruction); 2) supporting policy development and implementation (ex. Supporting and promoting new policies; 3) covering operational expenses (up to 20% of provincial SAC funding may be used as operational expenses, if necessary, to encourage and support member participation).

2. Lunch Hour

- Parents have been concerned about their children not having enough time to finish their lunch (primarily Grade P-4 students).
- Right now they have 15 minutes to eat and then go outside.
- In other schools, its been shown to work where students go outside first and then come in and eat either in cafeteria or in their classrooms.
- This probably would not work in our school with supervision and junior high lunch.
- Teachers will reinforce to their students that they need to be eating during this time and can stay for extra time if needed.

3. IPADS

- Since TELP started a few years ago, parents are not hearing the benefit of how it has helped students.
- As of right now, the TELP program does not exist. The Regional Centre is no longer financing the program.
- Some schools are purchasing class sets that stay in the classroom or no longer using iPads and are moving to Chromebooks.

4. Day Care Update

- Diane Veinot is the Director.
- 7-8 students enrolled and growing.

- Upstairs in the resource centre.
- Subsidies available.
- Erika Reeves also being hired. And also looking for another ECE (or someone working towards their ECE) if anyone knows anyone interested.

5. Student Fees

- Hoping to have SAC help cover the cost of Student Fees and Extracurricular Fees.
- Perhaps having student fees go down to \$10.
- Will continue to discuss at next meeting.

6. Community School Update

- No new business at this time.

7. Parents as Career Coaches

- Session re-scheduled for April 2nd, 2019.

Next Meeting: January 31st, 2019

Adjourned: 3:25pm