



**NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes April 19, 2018**

TIME: 2:35pm

ATTENDANCE: Principal: Mr O'Quinn
 Teachers: Ms. Handley, Ms. MacLeod
 Support Staff: Valerie Lenihan
 Community Rep: Diane Webber-sends regrets
 H &S Rep:
 Parent Reps: Jennifer Burgess (acting Chair), Sheena Isenor
 (acting secretary), Katie Hirtle-sends regrets
 Student Reps: _____

MINUTES: February 22, 2018
 Moved by: Katie MacLeod
 Seconded by: Valerie Lenihan
 To accept minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. **Meeting with Minister**-Jennifer Burgess and Sheena Isenor attended this meeting for SAC chairs from local schools to sit in on an informal round table discussion with the Minister of Education, Zach Churchill, Feb 23, 2018, to review the recommendation to abolish the 7 elected school boards and move forward with a new vision for local governance. Summary meeting minutes are attached. Following this meeting the elected school boards were abolished and the structure has now changed to a, Provincial Advisory Council, made up of the former "superintendent's" from each district now to be known as Regional Executive Directors to whom our local SAC's are to directly report to voicing any complaints/concerns brought forward from the public. Further summary of this process is attached. Currently there has been no further direction given to SAC's, teachers, or principals on this new configuration and how it is working.
2. **NRCS Community School Update** – Mr O'Quinn has heard from Chad Haughn and Brian Smith that they are close to signing a MOU to have a partnership with the municipality and school board, designating NRCS as a community school and hope to have it signed by May 2018, but fully functioning as a community school for September 2018. Nadine Hackney is already working on community use ideas/bookings for the school.
3. **Fundraising committee**-There has not been a lot of feedback from parents regarding this. Wendy Moore wanted to help with this and move forward with a community talent show and is asking for interested parents to sign up by Apr 20th.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT&NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Staffing Update 2018-19**– currently a budget has not been approved for our District. H.R. has said that staffing will be "pushed back" and teacher assignments will likely be posted in May. Following recommendations in the Glaze report within the Inclusion segment, there is supposed to be more specialists and Teacher's Assistants added but

the budget did not account for this and how they are distributed, therefore, schools will have to wait to see their teacher allocation. Mr. O'Quinn is hopeful we will remain with current teaching staff allocation and have P/1, 1/2, 3/4 , 5/6, 7/8 split class configuration in the 2018-19 school year.

2. **Pre-Primary Program-** has been approved for NRCS and will start in the 2018-19 school year. This is an entirely separate entity then P-12 school system and is taught by trained ECE's. The program has an open entry and families within the school catchment area can register their children at anytime in the school calendar year. The school principals are not directly responsible for the ECE's but are responsible for the overall health and safety of the building which includes the PPP. A summary of this program is attached.

Day Care Update-Plans for the newly proposed, New Ross Community Day Care, are developing. There currently are interested parents/children, a Board of Directors, paperwork and funding submitted and approved. Discussion on location will continue with hopeful positive next steps in the very near future.

3. **School Maintenance Update-**The washroom maintenance has been completed which included replacing sinks/countertops in all washrooms. Mr O'Quinn will request a plumber be sent to give quotes on a new water fountain which is required upstairs.
4. **Primary Orientation/Screening-**Orientation for the new grade primaries will be taking place on May 10th and their primary screening will be May 15th.
5. **Earth Day-**The "leadership students" have coordinated Earth Day activities to take place on Apr 20th and Apr 23rd, including wearing green and "litter clean up". This is part of an elective the grades 7/8's take, teaching them leadership roles and how to support the school and the children in the school.
6. **Green Projects-**under the guidance of Leanne Webb, two more raised beds will be placed on the elementary playground, there will also be planting of fruit trees & berry bushes and flowers will be planted around the greenhouse.

STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)-deferred

NEXT MEETING: **May 24th @2:30pm**

ADJOURNED: **3:30 pm**