



**NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Minutes May 24, 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  
                                  Student Reps: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES:** April 19, 2018  
                                  Moved by:     Katie MacLeod  
                                  Seconded by: Valerie Lenihan  
                                  To accept minutes as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

1. **Fundraising Committee Update**-A Fundraising Committee has been organized for the school and currently includes 4 members. There are 2 larger fundraising events being planned for 2018-19 school year (a. Family Fun Day=Sept 15 rain date Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, and b. Basket BINGO=April 2019), as well as some smaller events throughout the school year starting with a Calendar 50/50 draw (Draw date: June 29<sup>th</sup>) and next year: Sock Hop, Movie Night, and PJ/Hat Day. New members &/or parent helpers for certain events welcome and needed! Jennifer Burgess said she would be willing to run the Christmas Shopping Program again next year, and Mr O'Quinn/Val will add this to the parent volunteer forms next year. It was noted some supplies from the Paint Nite may be leftover and donated for a night like this next year.
2. **Staffing Update**-NRCS has been approved and allocated 9.46 teacher equivalents, with the extra help provided for reading/recovery support, and an addition of .2 for a guidance counselor on a revolving circuit.
3. **Pre-Primary Update**-There are 3 students registered for pre-primary for this coming year to be housed in the current staff room, and the "old lab" upstairs will likely be converted into the new staff room/meeting/office space.
4. **Day Care Update**-The New Ross Community DayCare located in the school has been declined by the school board, and so an alternative venue had to be found which has been graciously offered by the NRFRC. This will detract from programming at the Centre but the importance of the DayCare was addressed and approved by the NRFRC Board and quotes for renovation to the site will soon be underway. Due to a lengthy response process by the Board, an alternative instructor needs to be found, however, due to the committee's hard work, this is looking promising. If all goes well, a new DayCare could start in New Ross at the NRFRC in September 2018!

5. **NRCS Community School Update** – Currently the Board/Principal/Municipality are reviewing the Draft Agreement. Hoping the South Shore Education Centre & lawyers will sign off on it soon and question if it must be reviewed/signed by the Minister of Education. Hopeful NRCS will be a fully functioning community school for September 2018. Nadine Hackney is working on community use ideas/bookings for the school.
6. **Green Project**-Two extra garden boxes have now been erected, and planting started with the students in grades P/1/2 and pre-primary!

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT&NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Kindness Day**-Will take place, May 25<sup>th</sup>, and there is a fabulous project underway! Each student will be provided a tree slab to draw/stencil/paint their thoughts on Kindness, the older students will shellac these and then they will be put in the ground to make a "Kindness Walk." Wonderful idea, can't wait to see how it turns out!
2. **Grade 3-Field test for Literacy**- NRCS grade 3 class will be taking a, "field test- Assessment" for language arts, as the Dept of Ed. will be re-doing these tests for next year and will determine the efficacy and difficulty of these tests this calendar year.
3. **Grade 8-Provincial Test Math/Literacy**-The gr 8's will be doing the Literacy Prov test=May 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Math= May 31<sup>st</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup>. They have been doing some extra practice tests/sessions this year and we wish them well.
4. **Parents as Career Coaches**-Is a program being offered to NRCS parents next year (Nov 6<sup>th</sup>), teaching parents how to work with/support their child, getting them ready/motivated for jr/sr high and their future career choices.
5. **SAC 2018-19**-Valerie, Diane, and Sheena will all have completed their terms and are unable to re-offer for their SAC positions next year. Therefore, a parent representative, community representative and support staff will be needed. There will also be one position available for teacher representative.
6. **SAC updates**-there have been no updates from the school board office on duties/responsibilities and structure of SAC reporting for the coming year now that the elected school board has dissolved.

#### **STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)-deferred**

**NEXT MEETING:**            **September/October 2018**

**ADJOURNED:**            **3:30 pm**