



**NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes Oct. 24, 2017**

TIME: 2:35pm

ATTENDANCE: Principal: Mr O'Quinn
 Teachers: Ms. Handley-sends regrets, Ms. Breckon
 Support Staff: Valerie Lenihan
 Community Rep: Diane Webber-sends regrets
 H &S Rep:
 Parent Reps: Jennifer Burgess, Sheena Isenor
 Student Reps: _____

MINUTES: Sept 28, 2017
 Moved by: Valerie Lenihan
 Seconded by: Jennifer Burgess
 To accept minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE: Email message from the superintendent, originally sent from Elliott Pazant, notifying the SAC about the **Regional SAC meeting** Nov 7th from 6:00-8:00pm, at FHCS.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. **NRCS Advisory Letter of Agreement & Council Bylaws**-After review of the Council Bylaws, Sheena made a **motion**: The term listed for the teacher SAC representative be a minimum of 1 year, not 2 years as previously stated. Seconded by: Valerie Lenihan. All in favor. Motion carried. The letter of agreement with its new appendix will be posted on the NRCS website.
2. **School Utilization Formula** – the letter drafted by the SAC members in June was circulated and was reviewed by the SAC members, however, with the absence of one SAC member and the welcoming of a new teacher rep, time will be allocated for them to review and return their responses for the next meeting in November.
3. **SAC Parent Rep**- It was advertised in the School newsletter for another SAC parent rep. Currently no one has put their name forward.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT&NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Regional SAC Meeting Nov. 7th** – just a reminder this is being held Nov. 7th from 6-8pm at FHCS.
2. **New Attendance Policy**-Is now posted on the NRCS website under "Documents". It highlights the fact that regular attendance is important and supports student success. Students are expected to attend school every day, arriving on time and ready to learn. Teachers will record student attendance every day, students arriving late must report to the office, teachers will provide students with the materials that were distributed in class during the student's absence, if requested by the principal, and also focuses on calculating missed time, when to intervene, early interventions and loss of credit.
3. **NRCS Community School**- we have heard that the school board and municipality are to have a meeting regarding the parameters of a JUA for NRCS community school by the

end of the month. Both the principal and SAC are interested in when this may happen, and if we are to be included in these discussions. Mr. O'Quinn will contact Brian Smith to see if/when this is taking place and the outcome of this meeting, as well as the need for a community school committee with rep's from municipality/SAC/school board/community.

4. **OHS Issues Reported-** Mr O'Quinn noted the importance of informing the staff/support staff and SAC of OHS Issues that may arise in the school. Currently Mr. O'Quinn has informed the board of: a) needed repairs for the platform going to the bus area, b) ongoing smell in Rm #101-they have ordered an air purifier for this and continue to investigate the cause, c) the swing in the learning centre was off limits for a short period of time, but have since okay'd our style of swing for safe use.
5. **PD Day (Oct 6th with Lamar Eason & Ken Fells)** – was a success, and focused on “teaching with awareness”, with schools being more inclusive “teaching with a lens on”- wherein you teach to hear everyone’s story
6. **Parent-Teacher Interviews-** Student report cards will be going home Nov 27 with P/teacher interviews to be scheduled Nov 30th.
7. **Report Card Prep Days-**have been distributed more evenly throughout the school year, now moving the 3 marking days from the end of the school year to 1 marking day, and reallocating the others prior to 1st and 2nd term Report Card distribution.
8. **Remembrance Day Ceremony-**will take place Friday Nov 10 @ 1:00pm, all are welcome.
9. **Picture Re-takes-**will take place Nov 2nd.

STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)-deferred

NEXT MEETING: November 28 @2:30pm

ADJOURNED: 3:35 pm