



NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes Sept 28, 2017

TIME: 2:35pm

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

MINUTES: June 13, 2017
Moved by: Valerie Lenihan
Seconded by: Jennifer Burgess
To accept minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE: no correspondence was received

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. **SAC structure**-As listed in the previous meeting minutes dated June 13, 2017 there was discussion surrounding changing the current SAC jr/sr high structure to that of an elementary structure. No motion was made or voted on in regards to this at that meeting. Discussion resumed regarding this issue. Jennifer Burgess made a motion: **To stay with the existing elementary structure of the SAC as outlined in the School By-Laws.** Seconded by Sheena Isenor. All in favor. Motion carried. As our third parent rep and Chairperson has completed her final 3 year term, an invitation to become a parent representative on the SAC will be circulated to NRCS parents via the October newsletter and our current acting Chairperson will be Jennifer Burgess until voted on at the October meeting.

It was also discussed at the June 13/17 meeting, the teacher commitment period for SAC be changed to one year. As the school Letter of Agreement states the council members will serve variable terms of no longer than 3 years, the teachers can have a one year term as set by the SAC.

2. **School Utilization Formula** – the letter drafted by the SAC members in June was circulated and will be reviewed by the SAC members for the next meeting in October.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:-newsletter attached. Highlighted in this is: our soccer season is underway with a co-ed jr high team and hosting elementary soccer skills session. Picture Day is Oct 5th, there is a need for substitute support in the cafeteria for when the cafeteria manager is away, the new attendance policy takes place Oct 1st, and NRCS has been approved for a grant from MODC to create a "wooden slab walkway" completed by our students to commemorate Canada's 150th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **NRCS Advisory Council Bylaws** – were distributed and will be reviewed by the SAC members with discussions and amendments made at the October SAC meeting.

2. **NRCS Letter of Agreement-** were distributed and will be reviewed by the SAC members with discussions and amendments made at the October SAC meeting.
3. **2016/2017 NRCS SSP Report-** was distributed and reviewed highlighting school accomplishments from grades P-8, and noted supports required to continue this process ie. requirement of external experts and mentors who have direct connection with Mi'kmaq culture in N.S.
4. **2017/18 NRCS SSP Goals-** The current years success plan regarding Literacy, Math and Safe & Inclusive Learning Environment goals were reviewed. As noted in last years meeting minutes the goals surrounding Mi'kmaq and math would remain the same, yet expanding on Mi'kmaq culture to other cultural awareness, and Lamar Eason and Ken Fells will be coming to NRCS to promote this.
5. **RCH Policy for SAC** – was distributed and reviewed. Our NRCS RCH advisor is Jerilyn Handley, and the coordinator for the RCH in the SSRSB is Lamar Eason.

STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)-deferred

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2017

ADJOURNED: 3:35 pm