NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes April 12, 2016

TIME: 2:35pm

ATTENDANCE:

Principal:	**Ms. Willow**
Teachers:	**Ms Gates, Ms Handley**
Support Staff:	**Valerie Lenihan**
Community Rep:	**Diane Webber**
H &S Rep:	**Wendy Harvey**
Parent Reps:	**Sheena Isenor, Jennifer Burgess**
Student Reps:	_____

MINUTES: February 16, 2016
Moved by: **Ms Gates**
Seconded by: **Valerie**
To accept minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Regional Heritage Fair-**Email from Pam O'Reagan (attached) requesting funds from NRCS be donated to the RHF to continue offering certain activities of the fair. Motion: To donate $100.00 from the NRCS SAC to the Regional Heritage Fair event. Unanimously opposed. We do not feel our funds should be used for this purpose. Wendy will reply asking what they have done to seek funding elsewhere.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. **Letter to SSRSB – Stage Railing** –Wendy sent letter to the SSRSB-no response to date
2. **Letter to SSRSB –** everyone had a chance to review the letter (attached), and have no changes they would like to make. Wendy will send this letter after she signs it, to the SSRSB, attn: Jennifer Naugler & SSRSB members.
3. **Meeting with MLA (March 3, 2016) –** an update was given. Jennifer Burgess, Wendy Harvey, Diane Webber & Sheena Isenor met with our MLA, to discuss our current state of small schools, to have an open dialogue about her being an advocate for small schools, and exploring such options we see for small, rural isolated schools ie. incorporating "school by necessity" into legislature. There was a request to forward the minutes from this meeting to gather further suggestions from the SAC group on our go forward steps, including content to be discussed about a formal letter/questions we'd like to send/ask Minister Karen Casey (which was also discussed at the MLA meeting).
4. **Replacement of Stage Curtains** – we have received monies from the Bob Hutt fund to purchase new stage curtains. Michelle Stevens will be making these, and Tony Riles will assess the tracking system. Valerie will monitor the progress as Ms. Willow will be on sick leave and Sarah will follow-up with Merlin Gates for payment.
5. **BINGO –** is progressing nicely, with most details worked out ie.-we have a caller, 2 teachers will run the silent suction, Margaret will run the cafeteria, 50/50 will go to Betty Leopold, funds raised that evening will go towards our very successful Toonie Tuesdays and Breakfast Program, and the Credit Union will be matching up to $2500.00.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: attached. Highlights:

1. Dylan Morrow will be giving a speech at the NSSAF Banquet,
2. Embedded time-third goal for next year will be cultural competence,
3. The Art program is being very well received and we will have an ART WALK=May 25th, 2016

4. Grade 3-6- Tell it From Me Survey- went much smoother with Ms Willow reviewing the survey with the children, clarifying any questions they had.
5. Ms Willow gave a talk about technology integration in the school board, as it related to the NRCS experience, which was well received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Development of Provincial Teaching Standards-** SSRSB held a consultation session at the school board office with SSRSB staff and members, with SAC chairs (as was the case across Nova Scotia) regarding review of provincial teaching standards, taking feedback from all involved to the Dept of Ed. This session yielded positive feedback from our chair.

STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)-deferred

NEXT MEETING: **May 10, 2016 @2:30pm**

ADJOURNED: **3:30pm**