



**NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Agenda April 13, 2017**

TIME: 2:35pm

ATTENDANCE: Principal: Ms. Willow
 Teachers: Mr MacNeill, Ms. Brown
 Support Staff: Valerie Lenihan
 Community Rep: _____
 Parent Reps: Wendy Harvey, Sheena Isenor
 Student Reps: _____

MINUTES: November 17, 2016
 Moved by: Mr. MacNeill
 Seconded by: Ms. Brown
 To accept minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **SAC Community Conversations**– Wendy and Ms. Willow attended this workshop held Nov 28/16, at Hebbville school. They felt there was good representation from all SAC's with constructive critics. The overall discussion was about how we engage our SAC's/communication to and what is important to our SAC's. The SSRSB would like to provide all SACs the opportunity to contribute to the overall set of information that was collected and this will guide next steps in how SAC and the governing board works together. Recognizing that not all SAC members were able to attend the November 28 SAC Community Conversation, the governing board is asking all SACs look at the information and provide a response on the *Theme Mining* sheets. This was deferred until our next meeting after we have time to review this information.

2. **SSRSB Policy Review Process**-The SSSRB has developed a plan to review all of their governance policies over the coming months. The SSRSB has asked the SACs input in reviewing, updating or revamping some of their policy and procedure. The SSRSB have created a Policies and Procedures Review Checklist to guide discussions at the SAC table as well as for staff review of policy and procedure. To date, three policies and administrative procedures have gone through the revision process to the point where SAC input is requested: Policy 101: Policy Development and Review, Policy 219: French Programming, Policy 225: Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights

3. **SSRSB – French Policy**- The NRCS, SAC had time to review Policy 101-French Programming, completed the checklist and provided feedback. Most reflected the need to communicate more efficiently to parents the availability of French programs and at what schools these are available, as well as greater effort to include “user friendly” verbage. Wendy, Sheena & Diane will reconvene prior to the next SAC meeting to review and provide feedback for the other two policies.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

 **Community School/School By Necessity** – The presentation to The Municipality of the District of Chester council members Nov 24th, 2016 by the NR School

Partnership Committee re: the concept of New Ross Consolidated School becoming an official community school, was well received. However, council had to review their 4 year Strategic Plan at the end of January 2017 to see where this concept would “fit”. Currently it is listed as a project of interest for the Dept of Recreation, and further discussion will ensue by June 2017.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: attached. Highlights include:

- Athletics is back in full swing with Jr High Badminton and table tennis, and Track & Field, cross country and Kids Run Club soon starting up.
- NRCS will be sending Wyatt Countway and Faith Jollymore to the annual NSSAF Banquet this year to represent our exceptional athletes and Kari Countway will be attending to represent all our great NRCS coaches.
- Our teachers are working hard during Embedded Time days focusing on improving our individual programs for students and looking for ways to ensure they are culturally competent in their teaching practices.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Basket Bingo-** will be held April 28th @ 7pm. Response was a bit low this year with donations, due to a number of factors, but the staff continues to do a wonderful job each year to raise a significant amount of money for two great causes: our Breakfast Program, and Toonie Tuesday.

STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)

NEXT MEETING: **May 11, 2017**

ADJOURNED: **4:00pm**