

NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Minutes February 27, 2014



**ATTENDANCE:**

**TIME:** 2:35pm

**Principal:** Lindsay Willow  
**Teachers:** Crystal Thorburne, Elaine Munroe  
**Support Staff:** Valerie Lenihan  
**Community rep:** Diane Webber  
**H&S Rep:** Sheila Ernst  
**Parent reps:** Sheena Isenor, Wendy Harvey  
**Student reps:** Morgan

**MINUTES:** For December 17, 2013 and January 28, 2014

**Moved by:** Valerie

**Seconded by:** Crystal

To accept minutes as read; Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Email from SSRSB regarding the public meeting being held at NRCS on March 4, 2014 at 6:30pm; regarding the vision of education for our students and the business case being developed to request provincial capital funding for upgrades to our school. A copy of the email accompanies these minutes.
2. Invitation from SSRSB to SAC to attend a meeting on March 18, 2014 at Parkview Education Center; regarding the SSRSB Strategic Plan, 2014/2015 Budget and ongoing support for SAC's; Lindsay would like all SAC to attend if possible. A copy of the email accompanies these minutes.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

1. **SAC Bylaws** – deferred until the next meeting
2. **School Review Process Paper** – Sheila has not received a copy as of yet; will follow-up to see if one is available and send out to SAC if received.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

1. **Public Meeting (March 4, 2014)**
  - Projected enrolment for NRCS in September 2014 is 85 students; in 3 years this is projected to be 67 students
  - NRCS is the second most expensive building in SSRSB to maintain
  - Meetings have begun with NRRDS to discuss opportunities for community use of the building; ie: leasing the building during the summer; what would this look like; costs/insurance/fees/access, etc.
  - Possibility of part of the building being closed to school use; this would open an opportunity for daily use for community groups; ie. Resource Center, Health Services, Municipality, NRRDS, etc.
  - Community use is a option but student safety is the top priority
  - NRCS is at the top of the list for a refit, capital funding
  - If NRCS gained "community school" status we would need to have an external community group partner and enter into a contract and run the programming
  - Always looking for community groups or members with skills and trades that can be used for student instruction, either as an elective or as an after school program
2. **Staffing**
  - Administration will be maintained at 100% for 2014/2015
  - Staffing changes have not be released yet; expected April 1, 2014

- There will be a P/1 split next year as there are only 4 students in Primary which will make a split class of 9 students

### **3. Digital Literacy**

- A universal language has been created and will be posted within the school and given to students; a copy accompanies these minutes
- Students are receiving these changes well and excelling with the use of technology in classrooms; there have been a few issues with certain apps (ie. Minecraft) however, the use of these apps has positively affected accomplishments with courses, such as geometry.

### **4. Other Discussion Items**

- Lindsay is seeking assistance to build a fund to provide lunches to every student and to assist with athletic fees so that all students who want to participate can
- Peter Millett has received a grant for the woodworking program; students in grades 7-9 will build a ramp to the storage building at NRCS
- A tech grant has been awarded to purchase routers and equipment for the industrial arts program
- NRCS has received adapters for the basketball nets so that they may be lowered to elementary height
- A dishwasher has been purchased for the breakfast program
- A controller for the scoreboard has been purchased
- Merchandise Bingo fundraiser is on April 25<sup>th</sup>; SAC members and staff are asked to continue to get donations

### **STUDENT REPORT – From Student Rep:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **SSRSB Strategic Plan** – SAC members were given a copy of the draft strategic plan; everyone is asked to review the document and provide feedback to Sheila by March 6<sup>th</sup> as she has to send a response by March 7<sup>th</sup> to the school board.

**Next SAC Meeting:** March 27, 2014 at 2:30pm

**ADJOURNED:** 4:00pm