

NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes January 13, 2015



ATTENDANCE:

TIME: 2:40pm

Principal: Lindsay Willow
Teachers: Sarah Gates
Support Staff: Valerie Lenihan
Community rep: Diane Webber
H&S Rep: Sheila Ernst
Parent reps: Sheena Isenor, Wendy Harvey
Student reps: none

REGRETS: Elaine Freeman

MINUTES: For November 4, 2014
Moved by: Wendy
Seconded by: Diane
To accept minutes; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. **Bylaws** – have been revised and final copy sent to SAC member from Wendy via email on November 3, 2014
2. **Safety in the parking lot** – “SLOW” lettering has been increased in size and is more noticeable, lines have been marked closer to the school to create a boundary for students, handicap parking spaces are marked; no other issues raised in regards to this item
3. **No smoking signage** – signage has been posted on the school as well as the Resource Center; no other follow up is required on this item
4. **FHCS Students** – SSRSB completed a bus review; effective January 5, 2015 changes were made to the morning bus runs allowing all buses to arrive at NRCS at approximately the same time so that the FHCS students are able to depart these buses and board their bus to FHCS no longer requiring students to remain on buses for second runs or waiting outside the school for their bus; the changes have been positive and the morning routine is working very well; a bell time change has been proposed for September 2015, if approved, morning and afternoon bell times will be 15 minutes later (8:25am and 2:35pm), this will allow FHCS students to arrive at FH closer to their bell time and decrease their waiting time in the morning; a decision has not been made on this
5. **Dress Code** – SAC members received very few responses from the outreach to parents regarding the dress code; discussion around sending a survey but members decided this is not necessary and we will move ahead with creating a proposed dress code that can be sent out to parents for feedback; Wendy will forward outline to Sheila, Sheena and Diane; will meet on January 20th at 2:30pm at NRCS to begin working on this.
6. **SAC Information Night** – No one was available to attend the sessions on January 7th; there will be others planned before the end of the school year

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

January 2015 From The Principal's Desk accompanies these minutes

- NRCS received a grant of \$1,600 for softball equipment; equipment has been ordered and we are hoping to have a softball team in the spring, coached by Darren Russell and Ryan Sperry
- Elementary basketball notice went home today; practices starting this week; season will go into March; Tara Allen is coaching
- NRCS Cafeteria is at threat of closing at the end of the year unless funds can be raised to ensure that it is covered for the next school year; fundraising efforts are starting in this area; monthly 50/50 draw with tickets available at Frenchys, Home Hardware and New Ross Credit Union
- Discussion concerning cost of sports team and ways that we may be able to fundraise in this area to subsidize or eliminate the cost back to the student; on a larger scale, this will need to involve a parent group not just SAC; how do we get parents involved if their child/children will not benefit directly?; will continue to look at this
- In order to decrease operating expenses; there is a great possibility that the upper level of the school will no longer be used for student instruction and all grades will be located on the lower level
- No update/decision has been received regarding the approval of capital funding for NRCS

STUDENT REPORT – From Student Rep:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Dress Code – see #5 under Business Arising From Minutes**

Next SAC Meeting: February 10, 2015 @ 2:30pm **ADJOURNED:** 3:45pm