



NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes May 11, 2017

TIME: 2:35pm

ATTENDANCE:

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




MINUTES: April 13, 2017

Moved by: Jennifer Burgess
Seconded by: Ms Brown
To accept minutes as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **SSRSB** – Student Attendance and Engagement Policy Consultation- email from Superintendent Milner regarding the above Policy sent May 03,2017, re: The DEECD is encouraging all stakeholders to participate in the consultation on the draft Student Attendance and Engagement Policy. They are looking for a wide range of feedback prior to the policy being finalized. (attached)
2. **SSRSB** – SAC Workshop – Long Range Outlook- email sent May 03, 2017 from superintendent Milner re: the Long Range Outlook 2017 and the meeting to be held May 08/17 at Hebbeville Academy where they will provide a brief overview of the whole document and then facilitate a time for you to provide input and comments (attached)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

-  **SSRSB Policy Review Process** – requirements of NRCS SAC for current school year-there was some discussion from the SSRSB that the amount of Policies for review sent out to the SAC's by the SSRSB may exceed allotted timelines, and therefore have given the SAC's the option to comment on some or all of the policies that they are able.
-  **SAC Community Conversations Follow-Up** – the group had discussion and gave feedback regarding the SAC community conversations hosted by the SSRSB Nov 28/16, highlighting: more of a need to work together with effective communication/dialogue ie.-round table discussions, the community needs to be involved earlier and making them part of the discussion and therefore the solution, can not be a one size fits all mentality, hold future meetings via skype/include the public, and the SAC/SSRSB/community should meet twice/year.
-  **SSRSB** – Policy review – Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights & Policy Development and Review-It was felt that the scope of the RCH Policy was beyond the expertise of the SAC yet some suggestions were given to the verbiage utilized to describe some of the definitions and that the lay person may have a

hard time reading through such a policy, and that there was some repetitive sections ie.1.10. Policy 219- Development & Review- some notes were given regarding section 5.0-re:giving examples of where the process could be voided by the superintendent, yet we were instructed as a group that if any further suggestions were to be made to hand them to our chairperson, Wendy Harvey, prior to Monday May 15th.



Basket Bingo – was a huge success this year with lots of people showing up to support our school. Thank you to the teachers for their help putting together such a wonderful fundraiser, to the donors for their merchandise/gift certificates/donations & to the New Ross Credit Union (\$2500 contribution), with a grand total of \$6,700 raised to go toward the Breakfast Program and Toonie Tuesday.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: (attached)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2017/2018 Class Configurations**-discussed the possible need to vote on exceeding a hard cap on a combined 5/6 class which would significantly affect next years class configuration
2. **Long Range Outlook Workshop/School Utilization**-workshop held May 08/17-Ms Willow was the only person able to attend from our SAC. In general, attendance was low at this meeting and it did not appear a constructive workshop. There was many misleading points, of most particular concern was regarding school utilization, and how this is calculated by the Board. It was suggested the Board draft a letter to have this formula re-examined, and the Board needs to send out to the schools/SAC's how this is calculated. As well, the Board is not advocating for school utilization as being reflective in rural vs urban usage and this needs to be addressed accordingly. It was suggested we draft a letter to the DOE highlighting "rural education matters" and addressing staffing allotments & building utilization, urban vs rural differences.

STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)

NEXT MEETING: **June 13, 2017 @2:30pm**

ADJOURNED: **4:15pm**