

NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes May 28, 2015



ATTENDANCE:

TIME: 2:30pm

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

MINUTES: For March 10, 2015

Moved by: Diane

Seconded by: Sarah

To accept minutes; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Respectful Workplace Policy** – reviewed and approved with no recommended changes; a copy of the policy accompanies these minutes

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. **Dress Code** – motion by Sheila to adopt the draft dress code for September 2015; seconded by Diane, all in favor; motion carried. The final version will be sent to parents; a copy of the NRCS Dress Code accompanies these minutes
2. **BINGO Update** – the BINGO raised \$6000 to be split evenly between cafeteria and athletics for 2015/2016; the cafeteria is now financially safe for the next school year and athletic fees will be reduced
3. **NRDSD Funding** – New Ross Regional Development Society has given a \$500 donation to the cafeteria.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- **Code of Conduct** - In September there will be a new Code of Conduct which all schools must abide by; therefore, schools will not have their own school based policies; schools are able to have guidelines which can support the SSRSB policy; students will be disciplined under the code of conduct with respect to safe and respectful school conduct; there will be no penalization for missed time/absenteeism in high schools; administration and staff will have the ability to suspend for up to 10 days, instead of the current 5 days
- **Staffing**
 - Wendy McNeil and Jill Alcoe-Holland are retiring this year, Peter Millett has accepted a position at West Northfield
 - we will maintain our staffing numbers for 2015/2016, 9 staff members
 - 9 new students starting in grade primary; orientation day was fabulous!
 - we will still have the use of the upstairs for the upcoming school year
 - grade configurations will be P/1/2, 3/4, 5/6 all downstairs, 7/8 upstairs
 - a sensory room has been added for a new student starting in September
 - renovation will be done to the girls washroom downstairs
 - grade 2 will be separated for math
 - guidance will be as needed rather than on a scheduled day, Lindsay and Elaine are filling in now as well as the school board psychologist
 - SSRSB is very happy with the programming and results at NRCS

- **Embedded Time** – Lindsay provided the SAC with a report on embedded time; embedded time is providing critical, undistracted, quality time where teachers are focused on school goals; older students are truly becoming role models for younger students in digital citizenship; *a copy of the report accompanies these minutes*
- **Tell It From Me Parent and Student Results** – only students in grades 7 & 8 were surveyed; student anxiety continues to be concerning for students, particularly with males so there has been and will continue to be more focus on boys club through Schools Plus; there was a low response for post-secondary ambitions for grades 7 & 8 students; some responses to reasons for exclusion were related to variance in grades and marks; *a copy of both reports accompanies these minutes*
- **Provincial Scores** – noted improvement, NRCS students performing well at FHCS, well prepared, testing next year will be in grades 2 & 6
- **Grades P-3 Curriculum** – streamlined to math and English overall assessments, changes coming for next year
- **Bell Times for 2015/2016** – students will arrive at 8:15 (8:05 currently); morning bell time at 8:25 (8:10 currently); lunch break from 12:15 – 12:50 (currently 12:35 – 1:10), afternoon bell time 2:25 (currently 2:20); NRCS has historically been 35 minutes longer instructional time than other schools in SSRSB; school aim for 300 min maximum
- **Butterflies** – Sarah Knickle will take over the butterflies
- **Small School Summit** – motion by Wendy that the SAC cover the costs for Sheena and Diane to attend the Small School Summit in River John, including the \$20 registration fee, \$20 food allowance per day and \$0.25/km for mileage; seconded by Valerie, all in favor, motion carried
- **SAC 2015/2016** – we will need to fill one parent position

STUDENT REPORT – From Student Rep:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Small School Summit** – motion by Wendy that the SAC cover the costs for Sheena and Diane to attend the Small School Summit in River John, including the \$20 registration fee, \$20 food allowance per day and \$0.25/km for mileage; seconded by Valerie, all in favor, motion carried
2. **SAC 2015/2016** – will need to fill two parent positions, the community member position, the support staff position and one teacher position
 - Sheena – term ends June 2015, may reoffer, will advise Lindsay
 - Sheila – second term ends June 2015; unable to reoffer
 - Wendy – term ends June 2017
 - Diane – term ends June 2015, has reoffered
 - Elaine – term end June 2015
 - Sarah – term ends June 2016
 - Valerie – term ends June 2015

Next SAC Meeting: to be determined in September 2015 **ADJOURNED:** 4:00pm