



## NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Minutes November 17, 2016**

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Principal:** Ms. Willow

**Teachers:** Ms Brown, Mr MacNeil

**Support Staff:** Valerie Lenihan

**Community Rep:** Diane Webber

**H &S Rep:** Wendy Harvey

**Parent Reps:** Jennifer Burgess, Sheena Isenor

**Student Reps:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES:** October 6, 2016

**Moved by:** Jennifer

**Seconded by:** Diane

**To accept minutes as read.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **SAC November Conference** – The SSRSB is planning a School Advisory Council Workshop on Monday, November 28 / 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at Hebbville Academy, between the governing board and SACs collectively discussing their working relationship and how to best continue their conversations together. The intent is that there will be a follow-up conference at some point, perhaps in the spring, as a follow up to the information received on November 28.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

1. **Installation of Stage Railing** – a new stage railing has been installed and can be removed, albeit with some effort, therefore will leave in unless necessary for removal. Staff is happy with the safety this is affording the children.
2. **Community School/School By Necessity** – The NR School Partnership Committee will be presenting to The Municipality of the District of Chester council members Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, the concept of New Ross Consolidated School becoming an official community school. Questions arose as to what is a community school and what difference that would make to how it is currently run. The issue is that currently there is a good working relationship among staff and community members however, this has not always been the case and accessibility to the school has been seen through the tone of the principal. Currently, no formal agreement exists for usage between community and school, which can limit accessibility in the future but also not allow for expansion of programming and services offered to the community and to the students. Therefore, it would be the hope of the committee to clarify what a community school is as defined by the community of New Ross and explore the possibility of entering into a joint use agreement with the South Shore Regional School Board and that formal discussions take place with the SSRSB as soon as possible.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Much has been happening at NRCS in October/November. Highlights can be reviewed in the attached principal's report. Some important information will be coming to parents in the coming weeks regarding the pending strike. More information discussed below.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Pending strike**-It is the teachers understanding that the union will soon decide on 1 of three options: a) full province wide strike, b) a rotational strike, or c) work to rule-this third option would include no services performed outside of what is stated in the teachers contract which would include extracurricular activities. This is in response to the recent talks over contract negotiations. Much of what is discussed includes salary review, but also classroom conditions. Questions arose as to what that would mean for students curriculum and how long it may last. No one can predict length of strike action but there can be certain options the government could take to ie. Legislate the teachers back to work, etc. And more information will be available as to how this would impact student education with the result of the union vote.

**STUDENT REPORT: (from student rep)- N/A**

**NEXT MEETING:** TBA

**ADJOURNED:** 4:00pm