

NRCS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Minutes September 22, 2015



**ATTENDANCE:**

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**Principal:** Lindsay Willow

**Teachers:** Sarah Gates, Jerylyn Handley

**Support Staff:** Valerie Lenihan

**Community rep:** Diane Webber

**H&S Rep:** Wendy Harvey

**Parent reps:** Jennifer Burgess

**Student reps:** none

**REGRETS:** Sheena Isenor

**MINUTES:** For May 28, 2015

**Moved by:** Diane

**Seconded by:** Valerie

To accept minutes; Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **Policy – School Catchment Area** – Lindsay advised that there will be an upcoming meeting, most likely at FHCS, with our family of schools to review the policy, receive feedback and answer any questions. Date will be communicated to SAC once it has been set. *A copy of the policy accompanies these minutes*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

1. **Dress Code** – Due to the new Code of Conduct introduced by the school board this year, the dress code drafted by the SAC is not able to be implemented for NRCS; the SSRSB has been clear that disciplinary action will be taken upon school who implement any such policies.
2. **Small School Summit** – no report at this time; Sheena has notes from the meeting; will get an update at the next meeting.
3. **SSRSB Long Range Outlook** – discussion concerning the meeting that was held at FHCS to discuss the report; report does not indicate that NRCS is a school of necessity which was previously communicated by the SSRSB due to bussing times to other schools; bussing may not be an issue in the future if catchment areas changed or if there was a new school built to service the schools within our catchment area; based on the report NRCS will be under school review in 2018-2019; the SAC would like to extend an invitation to Theresa Griffin to attend an upcoming SAC meeting to discuss the report and what it may mean for NRCS; Wendy will send an invitation to Theresa Griffin via email; Lindsay will contact Brian Smith to determine if the report has been finalized and if the feedback gained at the meeting has been incorporated into the report.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Update from Lindsay accompanies these minutes
- **Connector Trail** – funding has been granted to develop a connector trail from NRCS to the Ross Farm; it will follow the hold walking path that was once used for students to go to Ross Farm; it will also allow Ross Farm to be used as a relocation area in the event of a school evacuation; current SSRSB policy dictates that if our students were to visit the Ross Farm they have to be bussed due to safety concerns as Highway 12 is considered a major highway; the connector trail will allow travel to the farm without bussing.
- **Bell Times for 2015/2016** – students are arriving at 8:15; morning bell time at 8:25; lunch break from 12:15 – 12:50, afternoon bell time 2:25

- **Breakfast Program** – Being overseen by Margaret this year with the help of volunteers; off to a great start with over half of the student population using it on a daily basis
- **SAC 2015/2016** – Sheena Isenor has offered to serve as parent representative for a second three year term; Jennifer Burgess joins the SAC filling the vacant parent representative position; Jerylyn Handley replaces Elaine Freeman.
  - **Wendy Harvey** – Chair
  - **Sheena Isenor** - Secretary

**STUDENT REPORT – From Student Rep:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Use of Facility Agreement with SSRSB** – discussion surrounding NRCS as a community school; will be discussed further at the next meeting

**Next SAC Meeting:** October 29, 2015 @ 2:30pm    **ADJOURNED:** 3:30pm