

NRCS School Advisory Council

Minutes Feb 22 2018

Time: 2:40pm

Attendance:

Principal – Mr O’Quinn

Support Staff – Ms Valerie Lenihan

Teachers – Ms Handley & Ms MacLeod

Communtiy Rep – Diane Webber – unable to attend

H & S Rep –

Parent Reps – Jennifer Burgess (acting chair), Sheena Isenor(absent) & Katie Hirtle

Minutes from previous meeting Dec 14th 2017 were moved to be adopted as read by Ms Valerie Lenihan and seconded by Jenn Burgess. Motion Carried.

Correspondence

Invitation to Grant Frost Presentation at the Mahone Bay Center at 7pm Feb 22. Open to all teachers and parents. Jenn and Katie will attend.

SAC Chairs have been invited to a meeting with the Minister of Education Zack Churchill on Feb 23. Jenn and Sheena will attend representing NRCS.

Business Arising from the Minutes –

1 – School Utilization Letter will be delivered to the Minister of Education at the meeting on Friday.

2 – Family of Schools Meeting – good discussions were had regarding concerns about policy, fundraising and communication among our family of schools. It was suggested that we meet annually; likely in October of each year to make best use of planning.

3 – NRCS Community School Update – Nadine Hackney has started in her role as coordinator and will be letting people know how to book use of the school and assist in getting our community spaces used!

It will likely be next year before we are actually designated as a Community School – in light of the Glaze Report many things are currently on hold.

Principal's Report –

1 -NSTU voted 82% in favor of strike action. This is an illegal position, however the Union is requesting a pause on the Glaze Report and time to discuss with Dept of Education. Discussions are taking place so we will wait to see what happens at that level. Legislature is set to resume on Feb 27th.

2 - The ministers meeting is supposed to discuss the “enhanced” role of the SAC

3 – NRCS heating system has been overhauled and we should see some improved \$ savings with these improvements.

4 – New toilets have been installed

5 – A new PA system has been installed

6 – Science Lab has been gutted and will be painted soon; creating a new space for various uses.

7 – Bingo Fundraiser – teaching staff have indicated that they do not want to “be in charge” of organizing this event. We will ask for parent support/organizers to lead the charge in fundraising. We receive some Student Support Grant funding that covers many things but extra dollars could be spent supporting classrooms at NRCS.

8 – Mr Sweetman is leaving for paternity leave in March, interviews for his replacement have been conducted.

9 – Mr O’Quinn has requested a guidance councillor for 2 days per week – rather than the current ½ day.

Other Discussions –

SAC awareness – we will work to have some information for Parent Teacher Night in April

Winter Carnival – March 5th

There will be theme days, skating or swimming at the LCLC on March 9th. 2 buses will be required.

Daycare Update – things are moving along, funding for renovations has been approved by the Municipality. The committee will be asking for pre-registration to ensure we know firm numbers for Day Care allowing the committee to apply for further operational funding! We are getting close!

Next Meeting will take place on April 19th 2018.

Adjourned @ 3:45pm