

Bridgewater Junior Senior High School School Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes



January 20, 2015

Present: C. Jaworski, D. Brunt, J. Berrigan, H. Wilkie, A. McGinnis, D. Walker,
E. Burr ridge, D. Egilsson

Regrets: D. Spencer, S. Savage, and T. Bedgood

Minutes:

1. ***Call to Order:*** 7:00 p.m.
2. ***Approval of Previous Minutes*** (November 2014) – November minutes need to be distributed to members. Only approved minutes can be posted on website.
3. ***Business Arising from Minutes:***
 - Band – have a great beginner band, then students join a number of different activities and it squeezes band out
 - We bought some surplus instruments from the Fireman's Band and were given some other surplus instruments by the Town of Bridgewater.
 - Scheduling – we are looking at a variety of scheduling options;
 - Some students with too much time on their hands
 - The feeling of the committee is that we could use more than one counselor – Ms. Lohnes is working 100% and doing a wonderful job, but there is so much to be done – especially in September with courses – do we have any options at peak times if Ms. Lohnes wanted assistance?
 - Daphne will invite Ms. Lohnes to our next meeting.
4. ***Junior Student Council Report*** - no representative present
5. ***Senior Student Council Report***
 - *Water bottle filling station approximate cost of \$1700 and \$125 per filter (requires 2 filters per year)*

- *Grants for fountain – TD won't send anything out until the end of May. This will be too late. Students' Council is fund raising in the meantime.*
- *Is there are grant through NS Resource Recovery Fund?*
- *Looking at a bake sale in April; bagging groceries at No Frills; variety show in early March; basketball game during last class on activity day of Winter Carnival; charge students to attend??. senior girls vs. senior boys volleyball maybe???*
- *Second open council meeting – better attended this time.*

6. **Correspondence** - none

7. **New Business**

- **SAC Collaborative Education Session** – January 7th at Hebbville Academy (several of our SAC members were present and talked about the education sessions they attended).
- **Long Range Outlook:** session stated that the Bridgewater Family of Schools (BES, BJSHS have a static population)
- **School Based Staffing Process:** there are a number of formulas used to determine initial staffing of a school.
- **Collaborative Learning Teams** : we have to do a better job of explaining to the community the learning that takes place during the CLT days. We need to do a better job of educating the public on what goes on during that 90 minutes.
- **SAC Discipline Committees:** the committee decides on the suspension review, the school decides on how that decision is implemented in the school; the administration is only with the committee during the presentation
- **Effective Communication for SAC's:** we do a lot of this
- **Role of SAC in Continuous School Improvement:** why do we chose the goals we did; is this communicated clearly to the SAC?
- **Understanding the Role of School-Based Data:** there is a lot of data available to schools for investigation and planning – how do we best use this data?
- **Exam exemptions** – primarily a negative reaction to this topic

8. **Adjournment**