

Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School



School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016

PRESENT:

Andrea McGinnis	Stephanie Martin	Stacey Colwell	David Walker
Terese Silver	Tracey Bedgood	Kim Benjamin	Paul Rogers
Jane Berrigan	Daphne Egilsson		

REGRETS:

Hannah Wilkie	Megan Risser	Patty Culbert	Richard MacMillan
Elizabeth BurrIDGE			

GUEST:

Scott Milner, Superintendent

1. Call to Order @ 7:02 P.M.
2. Introduction of New Members
 - STEPHANIE MARTIN
 - STACEY COLWELL
 - RICHARD MACMILLAN (REGRETS)

3. Introduction of Superintendent Scott Milner

- School Review

- Cost of O2 program - the O2 teachers in our Board are not new teachers and the publicly stated \$55,000 (to our knowledge) would not pay for a full time NSTU member with experience - Mr. Milner will try to have this addressed Wednesday night.
- O2 Programs are targeted funding; not all high schools have an O2 program. Those high schools that do have O2 have only 20 spots per year.
- Mr. Milner will check to see if there is any plan to submit a request to the Province to have a major A&A (Additions & Alterations) project at BJSHS/BES
- David Walker: welcomes consultation with the Board about this review - things are changing on many levels; need to be aware of the implications of decisions that impact a community on many levels; We all want what is in the best interests of the children in our community in terms of education and other opportunities

- PVEC Timeline

- 9-12 Grade Configuration

- Thoughts on 9-12 configuration? In the SOC meeting SOC members were told that 9-12 did not increase programming and that it is a detriment to the high school program. (The three SOC members present at our meeting attribute the SOC facilitator as saying this).
- Transfer - PRE IB Transfers (3 in grade 10, 2 in Grade 11, Grade 12 continues). Once students are there are they followed up in subsequent years? What is the deadline for students deciding to move back if they decide not to take Pre IB? What is the "drop dead"

date - at which point they cannot change? If a student was at Bluenose for example - are students given an option to take AP at Bridgewater when they leave Bluenose? Or do they have to go to IB at PVEC?

- SSRSB Policies are available online.
- Mr. DeWolfe will have a summary of transfers available at the public meeting on Wednesday night.
- If PVEC is at maximum capacity, what is the impact on how many NSISP (Nova Scotia International Student Program Students) that the SSRSB could accept?

4. Other Approval of Previous Minutes (June 2016)

- June was a dinner meeting - no minutes
- May 2016 minutes will be reviewed at our next meeting

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- none

6. Correspondence

- none

7. Junior Student Council Report

- No representative present

8. Senior Student Council Report

- No representative present
- In absentia, Megan and Hannah asked to have a question about exam exemptions, this will be put on the agenda for a future meeting
- The Province is working on a ministerial policy around assessment; right now it is as the discretion of the school

9. New Business

- **Back Yard Project** - Jane Berrigan
- Ongoing backyard/front yard project for about 10 years; front yard has come together through Evergreen, the Town of Bridgewater and other partners
- This year we are working on gardens, a sustainable composting facility and a new shed/greenhouse (sharing the old shed with the Town of Bridgewater) - planning on working to spread around the greenery and reduce some pavement out back; lots of seating and a place to go out back; looking at a flag pole; it is an ongoing project that evolves over time and is done by students under the supervision of the Airfield Engineers and other adult professionals;
- **Meet the Teacher** (6:00 p.m.)/Academic Awards Night (7:00 p.m.) - September 20, 2016
- **Viking Voyage** - September 29, 2016
- **Energy Efficiency Project** - Daphne
- **Student Death** - Critical Incident prior to students returning to school

10. Adjournment at 9:00 p.m.