

## Nantyr Parent Council Meeting Minutes Jan 23, 2017

Attendees: Tina Deroy, Carrie Sommerville, Sonia Ciccone, Karen McGregor, Tania Bondi, Bonny McMullen, Sherie Jensen, Lisa Surlzle, Alberto Bernardi

### Principal's update

- What's new Mr. Bernardi
  - New block of 4 credit courses and 2 credit courses available for 2017-2018
  - Now have Enviroadventure, Research & Design & School of Media
  - Application process, individuals are hand-picked
  - courses show individually on transcripts
  
  - April 26, 2017 – NPDL School
  - Focus is on the 6 C's – Collaboration, Creativity, Critical thinking, communication, citizenship and character
  - Nantyr will be hosting a 1 day event – 13 SCDSB schools will be attending the lab  
**\*Would like council to attend full or half day if possible to assist.**
  
- EQAO results and next steps
  - 2016-2017 results were we dropped 6%
  - Same supports were in place but administrators and staff feel it was a test issue – skills tested were different than the practice tests
  - All Grade 10 students are prepped all year and they are starting to look at Grade 9's for those that will need extra help
  - A new literacy team will work with Elementary schools
  - Support and focus increases as we get closer to test time and will start right after exams
  - We will keep doing what we are doing as this is not representative of the school
  
- Literacy test online update
  - Fall test online – 66% of kids that were looked at passed
  - March will be paperbased
  
- Grade 8 Parent night
  - Great attendance – figure 750-800
  - Feedback was fantastic
  - Watch Grade 8 night video – produced and done by grade 9 students. Posted on youtube under Nantyr News

Update on last meeting items - none

#### Parent/Teacher interviews – not working / Suggestions

- Can times be booked? Mr. Bernardi prefers to refrain from this as cancelations happen
- Extend the night from 1.5 hours to 2 hours
- Have teachers be more mindful of time/ creatively shutdown meetings
- The night of have a sign-up sheet and use students to assist in facilitating times and line ups

#### School curling team – busses go to Stroud

- Unfortunately due to the cost and availability of school buses this is not an option

#### New Business

- Can Remind 101 be used more – will try but twitter is the best source of information
- Community hours available – List is always available in guidance
- Next meeting TBD – will not be on Parent / Teacher Night

Please let me know of any items for the next agenda