**School Council Minutes**

**Long Range Academy**

**March 10th, 2014**

The fifth School Council meeting for the 2013-14 school year took place on March 10, 2014 and started at 7:00 P.M. with 6 members present.

Those in attendance were: Michelle Patey, Tracey Ellsworth, Cathy Payne, Sherry Legge, Jean Murphy, and Barbara Shears.

Members sending their regrets were: Natasha Hynes, Leo Caines, Vanessa Patey, Terri-Lynn Payne, Jerry Combdon, Vanessa Brown, Jackie Parsons, Amy Smith, and Shelley Power.

The meeting started at 7:00 P.M. with Ms. Patey welcoming everyone.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed with no errors or omissions and were adopted as read.

Progress report for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will go out on Tuesday, March 11 with Parent/Teacher interviews scheduled for Thursday, March 13 from 3:10 to 5:30.

A PD closeout was today, Monday, March 10, 2014. The staff in attendance felt that the closeout went well. A tentative PD closeout will occur on Wednesday, April 9.

Upcoming holidays include Monday, March 17 for St. Patrick’s Day and Easter Holidays beginning on Thursday, April 17 with staff and students returning on Monday, April 28.

Ms. Patey asked members 3 questions regarding the District Strategic Plan and they were,

1. What makes your school a good place for students to learn?

2. What suggestions would you make that could help to improve teaching and learning opportunities in our District?

3. What are 2-3 priorities that you recommend the NL English School Board should consider for its 2014-2017 Strategic Plan?

These questions were discussed and points for each question were written down and Ms. Patey will be passing these points onto the Board.

The School Climate Surveys were passed out last month asking parents of Grades 2, 5, and 7 to level 3 to take part. To date only 5.5% of parents have completed this survey. The deadline is March 14 and the department is asking that parents take the time to complete this. There will be a memo going out to remind parents.

Rubric Training took place on Monday, February 24. Ms. Murphy and Ms. Gaulton did the training with parents. Ms. Murphy reported that she was pleased with the number of parents that came out and how positive it was. The plan is to set up another meeting to help parents with Math Communications. This will enable parents to know how to help children at home.

A Home & School Committee has been put in place and they are planning a Fun Friday for students, staff, and parents on Friday, March 21. This will start with a Pot Luck lunch for all at lunchtime followed by everyone going outside to take part in making snow sculptures. Students and staff will be in their 4 house groups and parents will help out too. Parents will be asked to bring along shovels and food coloring as well as bringing along a dish for the pot luck.

The annual book fare is set to take place the first week in April so Ms. Murphy will be needing volunteers.

We are asking all School Council members to please try to attend the next scheduled meeting as our numbers are dwindling down.

The next School Council meeting will take place on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.