

Comment that the TDSB has under projected related the numbers that we are expecting next year. School told they are TDSB are conservative with their numbers this year to ensure that the teaching allocation is appropriate.

If our numbers generate or warrant more teachers those will be allocated in the fall. Then the school will adapt their classes if required.

Numbers take into account the new catchment area.

Chairs are meeting with Kathleen Garner the Superintendent for our school and will lodge a formal notice that we disagree with the numbers.

No exemptions this year thus there will be no breaking of the cap at Northlea for the Primary grades.

English Stream

JK/SK – 3 classes but 2 ECE, so 1 class of 15. Debated option 1 vs option 2 and staff believe that the JK class of 15 is the best model.

Grades 1 – 3 went to option 1 to ensure some straights and splits.

Grades 4 – 6 went with option 1 since the potential for additional numbers than projected

Grades 7 and 8 – down a class for Intermediate – will create some challenges since it is a reduction for last year. Discussion about keeping 7s together rather than 2 7/8 splits.

Question related to those transitioning the cohort moving into grade 7, what support will be provided to the class if social issues arise?

School will only have 4 intermediate teachers next year so the rotations may change. David reports that seniority is not a factor in staffing for jobs – qualifications are more important, the administration can not provide time tables to a teacher for subjects that they are not qualified to teach. The 7 and 8 will still have full rotation. Core teachers may have different subjects areas next year.

French Stream

3 FI SK class – new students from Bennington, Maurice Cody, Rolph Road and Fraser Mustard. Only adding the class for 1 year. Only 2 ECE for French kindergarten classes as well.

Grades 1 to 3 – Worried about the numbers being higher and potential to break the cap. Mix of split and straight classes. The grade 3 - 4 split is mandated by the board.

Grade 4 to 8 – more straights on the French side.

Question - Would you consider a straight grade 3 class, if the numbers are higher on the French side? That would be dependent on numbers by September.

Other items:

- Teacher 32 and 33 – resource teachers, Methods and Resource Teacher (MaRT) will be a classroom teacher this year.

Question - Will the MaRT teacher still be able to provide the same number of meetings with parents? – No an Admin staff will also oversee those meetings.

- Supports will be available in FI if required.
- Teacher 39 is various subjects.
- Note that prep is 50 minutes, but that those periods are too long for Kindergarten classes so they get split 25 min for Phys Ed and Music.
- 4 intermediate teachers – 4 assignment, we have flexibility with how we are breaking up those teaching assignments of 25 periods based on specialties.
- Flexibility to break up assignments to be 15 or 10 depending so some of the needs through out the school to ensure all classes are met.

Question: Student teachers – to what degree are they used through out the school – Queens and UofT call ask what teachers are interested in having student teachers. Also French Immersion – from Glendon. Student teachers generally very strong. Northlea doesn't turn away student teachers.

Discussion for Home School Program – placement within the school to support students that are struggling, support is provided for those typically 2 years below and support is in Language and math.

Question – where is the space for the new SK FI class – right now we do have space, the board will not be modifying the room? Extra kindergarten classroom needs to be close to the washroom and to existing kindergarten classes. Room 115.

Discussed clustering gender for split classes.

Any other questions or suggestions for allocation, please ask David.

Question around teacher allocation – 39.5 last year with 1.5 VP, this year 40 teachers and 1 VP, Losing teacher in the model of intermediate but not necessarily to the school. Within the school seniority will affect surplus to the school.

Discussion related to what would happen if more students show up in kindergarten.

5. NEXT MEETING – May for Funding Allocation

6. MOTION Nancy Baillie seconded by Roger Guttormson
To adjourn the meeting

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

**MINUTES
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 pm.

1. MOTION Jacqueline Frazer seconded by Sharon Krieger
Approval of the H&S Association Agenda CARRIED

2. MOTION Jacqueline Frazer seconded by Monika Scholte
Approval of H&S Association Minutes, March 23, 2016 CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT – Kara Pearson, Alexis De Castro, Rachael Chernos-Lin

PRO Grant – parent reaching out grant – this year successful event with Jennifer Kolari. Executive has met and put in an application to have a math specialist to come in and speak related to math, Trevor Brown, demystifies the new math, series to target different age groups and potentially hands on work shops. Looking to see if there is general consensus amongst the parent to move forward? Also if there can be some sort of children involvement? PRO grant, could this be partnered with a funding proposal to have Trevor Brown also speak to the kids. The Social Network Safety was funded through the school association funding. Question as to how to Trevor Brown aligns with the way the new way math is being taught. Keep in mind what Trevor Brown teaches should be aligned or recognized as being different to what is being taught at Northlea. Discussed Jump Math – focus on computation. Kids need to be well versed in all 4 areas of a subject matter 1. knowledge and understanding, 2. thinking and reasoning, 3. communication and 4. applying what is learned. Also try to coordinate with Trevor Brown and possible professional development for the teachers. Potential to build on Social Network Safety or managing social anxieties.

Camp Robin Hood for the day – grade 7s in October.
Grade 8s will be here for the day with different programming on mental health and exercise with the Pure Fitness.

Date night – June 3, 2016. Amy and Jen, 10 people working on the night. Held at Amsterdam Brewery, good feedback to host it there again. Looking at new opportunities, potential for be a scotch tasting as part of the night.

Still some social series events have space.

Chairs will be meeting with superintendent to discuss the cut of the VP and the estimate of the numbers for next year hopefully within the next 2 weeks and will report back.

4. HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BUDGET – Sharon Krieger

Passed around financials. Fund raising, key numbers to highlight, \$24,000.00. Approximately \$13,000 for social series where we typically retain half of the money. Community – Welcome back BBQ raised about \$3000. Chess will raise about \$2000. Other grad – now Home & School will fund the Breakout Room, to prevent parents from taking this on. End result around \$45,000, slightly lower than last year. Last year any excess funds were placed with the Kindergarten climber.

Motion by Jenn Adziovsky, seconded by Angie Novachis
To approve March financials CARRIED

5. UPDATES

6. MOTION Sandra King, seconded by Nancy Baillie

To adjourn the meeting

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.