

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**LIBRARY – NORTHLEA SCHOOL – 6:45 PM**  
Wednesday June 8, 2016

**PRESENT:** David Ehrlich, Sophia Danish, Jane Wadden, Rachel Chernos-Lin, Alexis De Castro, Kara Pearson, Sharon Krieger, Wilmar Kortleever, Doug McCormick, Amy Carter, Angie Novachis, Nicole Cooper, Claude Lukawesky, Stephen Peirce, Jen Adziovsky, Amy White, Jennifer Meyerhoffer, Trevor Meyerhoffer, Kristin Ballard, Heidi Bajcar, Julie Lee, Joanne Degez, Leanne Sun, Sue Gray, Arti Panday, Sylvia Franklin, Frank Chang, Mark Bajcar and Barbara Robson.

**The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm.**

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Alexis De Castro, Rachel Chernos-Lin, Kara Pearson**

**2. MOTION** Angie Novachis seconded by Doug McCormick  
Approval of School Council Agenda CARRIED

**3. MOTION** Jen Adziovsky seconded by Sharon Krieger  
Approval of School Council Minutes, April 12, 2016 CARRIED

**4. ADIMINSTOR'S UPDATE –**

Reports out soon, Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Placement meetings ongoing, tried to look at the male female ratios for bigger pools. Going well in some areas, but with the cap in primary it can be difficult. Nothing is finalized yet but some of the classes are finished.

Question – related to grade 5/6 split in FI – if it is a smaller group of grade 6's, could that be an enrichment class? Against TDSB policy to have enrichment classes. Also against David's philosophy to have stream kids into certain classes.

Music night was excellent. Tech night before that also went well. Anticipate those events continuing again next year.

Grad trip next week.

Working group at our nut safe policy – to ensure it is comprehensive and meets the needs of the school. Highlights include:

- If student participate in curriculum based activities, those foods will be created at school – materials used to produce them with then have the list of ingredients and that everyone is comfortable safe.
- Bake sales, FFN, class parties, make sure there is a card with the list of ingredients and that there is peanut and tree nuts free option for those with allergies
- Birthday treats – extended it to kindergarten, to help decrease the amount of unhealthy food brought into the school and to align the whole school with a single policy
- This will be part of the parent handbook in the fall for all parents

Discussion with the parents and admin about the amount of activities that are available to the kids. Discussions with staff about the intensity of activities that we offer, especially in the Intermediate grades. Worried about the amount that the kids do and the stress it puts on the kids and the teachers as routines get interrupted. Currently looking at it carefully and will have discussion with parents before any changes are made. Looking at more assembles – school

wide or divisional, if we add this in – then others need to be looked at what could come out. Make some choices about what could be done. No arbitrary cutting of activities. Discussion at the Athletic Association – if there sports that have a one-day tournament, then no banner would be awarded.

Some of the assemblies are already within the curriculum such as Remembrance Day.

Assemblies would be once every 2 months.

Only 4 intermediate classes next year – if 80 kids are doing all the sports/activities then it is difficult to have everyone do everything.

Question – what do other k-8 schools do in the community? Northlea is unique as it is K-8.

Unsure what else is out there, but the administration will look into it.

Have encouraged the teachers within the grade divisions to send home similar aspects within the division.

Ultimately the school is trying to help find a balance with the number of activities. The administrative team is not critical of what is going on in the community, but the teachers feel that the school is there to help them find a balance.

Question related to a supply teacher who should not be teaching at this school – Admin will follow up. David explained process, sometimes the teacher pre books a supply or if unable to pre book – then a call goes out at 6 am and occasional teachers pick up what they would. David will follow-up with the occasional teacher supervisor tomorrow. Without breaching confidentiality David will follow-up.

**5. NEXT MEETING** – June 23, 2016 AGM

- 6. MOTION**      Amy Carter seconded by Sharon Krieger  
To adjourn the meeting      CARRIED

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

**MINUTES  
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.**

- 1. MOTION**      Sharon Krieger seconded by Doug McCormick  
Approval of the H&S Association Agenda      CARRIED

- 2. MOTION**      Sharon Krieger seconded by Jen Adziovsky  
Approval of H&S Association Minutes, April 12, 2016      CARRIED

- 3. CHAIR'S REPORT – Kara Pearson, Alexis De Castro, Rachael Chernos-Lin**  
Date knight was last week it was a great night, and thanked the organizers.  
Reorganization of superintendents – ours in changing, David and Sophie have met with her and the executive will also be meeting with her.

**4. HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BUDGET – Sharon Krieger**

Budget circulated. Purpose to give you an idea of how much money we have to spend. Right now have \$52,000, but still have some expenses left to be covered. Typically disbursements include 7% for community disbursements, leaving us \$45,000 for spending and \$3400 for donations.

Questions related to hold back amount. Also question about when receipts for social series need to be submitted by. Question about magnitude of extra amount that was extra at the end of last year. Great questions, we traditionally hold back to help fund the welcome back bbq in the fall. Last year’s amount was about \$3800, which was attributed to the playground in the fall.

**Motion** Sue Gray, seconded by Angie Novachis  
To approve June 8<sup>th</sup> financials CARRIED

Angie Novachis, seconded by Doug McCormick  
To keep community disbursements at 7% CARRIED

**5. FUNDING PROPOSALS**

Wilmar explained the system used to vote on funding proposals. Go through the proposals and clarify proposal. Three rounds of voting – first round – yes/no up down vote to see if it deserves any funding. If the proposal doesn’t meet 50% of the votes, it doesn’t get any money. Second round order the proposals in order of support that they get. Deal with the proposal that gets the highest support in order down. Does it get full funding or partial? Assign money to proposals. Stop voting once the money has been spent. Also discussed the rules around fundraising from the TDSB.

Each proposal discussed.

Funding of IXL – \$4445.00, KM club \$800, STEM support \$1000, Parent advocacy \$400, DD cooking \$400, School STEM support \$2500, Piano accompanist \$5000, Kindergarten playground \$20000, Lice checks \$1424, Musical Instruments and mouthpieces \$2500, ORFF instruments \$3700, iPads \$3131.

Direction of surplus to be decided at next meeting.

**6. MOTION** Kara Pearson, seconded by Sharon Krieger  
To adjourn the meeting CARRIED

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.**