

MINUTES
NORTHLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
SOUTH GYM – NORTHLEA SCHOOL – 6:30 PM
Wednesday March 23, 2016

PRESENT: David Ehrlich, Jane Wadden, Sophia Danish, Alexis De Castro, Rachel Chernos-Lin, Kara Pearson, Nicole Cooper, Wilmar Kortleever, Sue Gray, Angie Novachis, Jackie Baldwin, Tommy Hoffner, Stephen Peirce, Jennifer Meyerhoffer, Trevor Meyerhoffer, Line Brassard, Christine Wilby, Jon MacDonald, Ana Thomas, Betheney Maheu, P Buligan, Jackie Frazer, Sandra Winkelbauer, Peter Baugh, Susan Gibbs, Jeannie Sit, Gerri Gershon.

Guests: John Tancredi, Paul Davis

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

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

2. MOTION Sue Gray seconded by Angie Novachis
Approval of School Council Agenda CARRIED

3. MOTION Sue Gray, seconded by Wilmar Kortleever
Approval of School Council Minutes, January 28, 2016 CARRIED

4. Guest Speakers – John Tancredi – Central Coordinating Principal, Teaching and Learning

French section of the TDSB web site

Discussed the philosophies of the French Immersion program. There is no cap, no ideal student and if you apply on time you will be given access to the program (not a school).

Discussed geography of TDSB and geography of the French Immersion catchment areas.

Discussed planning for FI within the TDSB, meeting that occurs every year to plan for the number of students entering FI within the next year. TDSB must be flexible given they are unsure of the number each year. Depending on the capacity of the school, there may be the possibility for an additional class.

This year the TDSB, will be opening 5 new schools to FI through out the TDSB.

At Northlea, there were a large number of applicants, and the program at Davisville was not able to take in all the applicants at that school either. Maurice Cody applicants will be attending Northlea for FI in SK this year.

At Northlea this is a one-year solution. The students that start here will remain at Northlea. In addition, the sibling rule will also apply.

Questions – Is that same rule that they only come for SK? – The sibling rule will only apply to future FI siblings, they will not attend Northlea for JK.

How will this affect space? – Northlea is ok for space, there are some classes with flexibility for space.

Will there be another portable put back at Northlea? – No

Balance of school? – English and French – Part of the reason this is a one-year solution, and part of the reason is to keep the balance close to 50/50, maintain viable programming of the English program.

Attrition rate? – Retention rate – major changes over the last 8 years, adding allocation for special education within the French Immersion program. Now retention rate over the last 3 years has improved based on the additional support. Not a program you can come in and out of – if life changes move a student out of FI they cannot come back. If students leave the FI they return to their home English school.

5. ADIMINSTOR’S UPDATE – David Ehrlich

Announcements – Hold the date – Thursday May 5th, 2016 – Technology evening for families, flyer to be sent home shortly. Hold the date – Music night, Thursday May 19th grade 1 and 2 choirs perform with the grade 7 band and the grade 5/6 choir.

6. NEXT MEETING – April 12, 2016

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| 7. MOTION | Sue Gray, seconded by Angie Novachis
To adjourn the meeting | CARRIED |
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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| 1. MOTION | Angie Novachis, seconded by Monika Scholte
Approval of the H&S Association Agenda | CARRIED |
| 2. MOTION | Wilmar Kortleever, seconded by Sue Gray
Approval of H&S Association Minutes, January 28, 2016 | CARRIED |
| 3. MOTION | Alexis DeCastro, seconded by Kara Kane
To adjourn the meeting | CARRIED |

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Guest Speaker: Paul Davis – Social Networking Safety