

Minutes
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday March 22, 2012, 6:45 pm, Library

Present – Erica Lewis, Erica Robertson, Claudine Lukawesky, Lisa Peirce, Jeannie Sit, Sue Thurow, Nancy Baillie, Julie Brown, Susan Brookes, Gina Fortsas, Frank Chang, Amy Carter, Sarah Dawson, Wilmar Kortleeve, Jacqueline Frazer, Rachel Chernos Lin, Sandra Whittaker, Lisa Howarth, Sue Gray, Jen Manavi, Michelle Munro, Marie Latour, Mr. Lariviere, Ms. Borden, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Cornish, Ms. Robson, Ms. Millar, Ms. Ribeiro, Ms. Jenkins

Regrets – Kara Pearson-Kane

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION – WILMAR KORTLEEVE

Wilmar gave a special welcome to the administrators, teachers and members of the School Leadership Team who were in the room.

2. MOTION Claude Lukawesky, Julie Brown
APPROVAL OF AMENDED COUNCIL AGENDA (addition of correspondence file)
CARRIED

3. MOTION Sue Brookes, Sue Thurow
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES, JAN. 25, 2012 CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REPORT – WILMAR K.

- Wilmar gave a shout out to the School Council parent executive – it's been a busy two months.
- Wilmar, Sarah and Julie have attended a number of meetings during this period and two subjects have come up frequently - overcrowding and the huge TDSB deficit
- Due to the overcrowding issue, especially in light of full-day Kindergarten, the Superintendent has decided to implement a Program Area Review (Team – PART) for Bennington, Bessborough, Rolph Road, and Northlea schools. This initiative will likely start in April. If approved, any changes would come into effect Sept. 2013.
- The TDSB is facing a huge deficit – they need to find \$85 Million.

> Lynda DeBono asked Kathy if she has any experience in situations like the one around the current deficit and, if so, will Kathy will have any say in potential cuts. Kathy said that she's unable to say much but it will be up to the trustees to decide if they accept or reject what's being presented. Kathy does anticipate that there will be cuts in a number of areas in a school like Northlea. The fact that Northlea is a JK-8 and dual-track school does count in our favour. .

> Jacqueline Frazer wanted to know about the process for any staffing cuts. Kathy reported that it's done centrally – it will not be up to Kathy to make these decisions. However, Kathy does have some influence in terms of our projected enrolment and staffing. For example, Northlea's preliminary enrolment projection in January was 40 kids lower than we expected. Kathy sent it back to the Board and they finalized our enrolment projection at just 8 students less than we have currently.

- Due to these pending changes, we're about two weeks behind in our enrolment planning process for next year.
- Wilmar noted that our School Planning Model meeting will no longer be April 4. We may use this date to have a meeting to discuss the TDSB budget situation.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – KATHY RIBEIRO

- Kathy reported that this is the first year that SK French applications were submitted online. The response was very positive and simplified things for office staff.
- There will be a total of 46 SK French kids in two classes. Just 6 students were not able to be accommodated. These students have been offered a place at John Fisher and can return to Northlea if a spot opens up.
- The following are upcoming presentations within our family of schools: Bullying at Denlow, Annie Kidder – People for Education at Leaside H.S; and a presentation on adolescents at Lawrence Park Collegiate. These presentations are all free and open for parents to attend.
- Gerri Gershon visited Northlea today.
- There has been a low response to the TDSB Advertising Policy review. The Board is looking for parents to give their feedback. The survey is online.
- Northlea will be participating in a CD/DVD collection as part of a fundraiser for student success being run by York Mills. Sunrise records will pay \$2 for every DVD and \$1 for every CD collected. The discs will be refurbished.
- Math around the World night: Barbara Robson reported that there are 75 students currently registered but they can take 50 more. There will be a push for more participants this week.

6. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – WILMAR K.

- There were no questions.

7. **MOTION:** Lynda DeBono, Sue Gray
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm.

1. Wilmar welcomed the group and reminded everyone to sign the attendance.

2. **MOTION** Lisa Peirce, Sue Brookes
APPROVAL OF H&S ASSOCIATION AGENDA.

CARRIED

3. **MOTION** Lisa Peirce, Sue Thurow
APPROVAL OF H&S ASSOCIATION MINUTES - JAN. 25, 2012

CARRIED

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising - Lynda De Bono

- FFN was an enormous success and team effort again this year.
- She thanked the two Co-Chairs, Gina Fortsas and Erica Robertson, and their amazing Committee
- Lynda gave a special shout out to the wonderful social series area which was really invigorated this year with new ideas and new people.
- The Artwork auction was also spectacular.

> Sue Brookes reported that we raised \$60,000 in gross revenue from FFN. We will likely net out at \$48,000 - \$50,000.

- The Acorn Cards fundraiser will be launching soon. We have a good committee again this year.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Brookes

- Sue took the group through the statements ending February 28, 2012.
- Our closing reserves for this period were \$60,822.

5. NEW BUSINESS – WILMAR K.

Community Disbursements

- Northlea has had a long-standing tradition to allocate a portion of their H&S funds to community causes. Last year, we allocated 7% of the H&S revenue (approx. \$2,000) to two causes: People for Education and the Thorncliffe Breakfast Program.
- We need to decide on the percentage of revenue that we'll be allocating to community initiatives for this year. Last year, it was increased from 5% to 7%.

> Claude Lukawesky suggested that we allocate 2% of this Community Disbursement money to the DD program. However, we're not able to do this as the DD program can't be under the Community Disbursements budget line.

MOTION

Sue Thurow, Julie Brown

To keep the Community Disbursement budget amount at 7% for this year.

CARRIED

- In addition, we need to decide which community organizations will get the 7% and are open to looking at other causes.

> Julie Brown suggested that we continue to support People for Education. She believes that they're a well-researched, professional organization that reflects parents' needs.

> Rachel Chernos Lin reported that we used to support the Toronto Foundation for Student Success but last year, we felt that it would be a good change to help one of our neighbours and a group that's part of our community. The Thorncliffe mid-morning snack program feeds 1,200 kids in Grades 1-5 only. (Kindergarten students are not included since they are only at school for half the day). Thorncliffe needs \$230K to run the breakfast program.

MOTION

Rachel Chernos Lin, Sue Brookes

To keep Community Disbursements at a 50/50 split between the same two organizations for this year (or 3.5% of the H&S revenue for each)

CARRIED

Funding Proposal Reviews

- Wilmar acknowledged that we are privileged to have funds to allocate to community organizations and to the various proposals received.
- Sarah Dawson distributed a sheet showing the proposals that have received H&S funds within the past year.
- At tonight's meeting, we'll review a total of 21 proposals for a total ask of \$199,000 (with 60,000 available to allocate).
- Wilmar explained how the information and various voting rounds will proceed.

> After the first round, the following proposals were supported (for either full or partial funding):

1. Instruments for music program
2. School Musical
3. PSP program – Storage bin
4. Rock climbing wall
5. School-wide lice checks
6. Kilometre Club

7. Mr. Albrecht – Buses for trips
8. Piano Accompanist
9. Ms. Ribeiro – Classroom Allocations
10. Ms. Ribeiro – Field Trip assistance
11. Mr. Vair – replacement tables for south gym
12. Eco-Club
13. Five Kobe Touch e-Readers – For literature circle in library
14. Technology – Up to \$80,000 to meet Northlea's technology needs - Smart Boards (interactive white board) and netbooks
15. Level readers for various grades – French & English

> Following the second round of voting, these remaining 15 proposals, listed in order of support, received funding as follows:

1. Classroom Allocations – Full funding of \$250/class
2. PSP Bin – Full funding of \$240
3. Technology request – Partial funding of \$12,710
4. Level readers – Full funding of \$2,038
5. Table in Gym – Partial funding of cost for one table - \$9,050
6. Lice squad – Full funding for 3 rounds of lice checks - \$6,200
7. Piano accompanist – Full funding of \$5,000
8. Musical – Full funding of \$3,500
9. Field Trip assistance – Partial funding of \$2,000
10. Buses for Mr. A – Full funding of \$1,200
11. Kilometre Club – Full funding of \$1,500
12. Musical instruments – Partial funding of \$1,000
13. Kobe e-readers – Full funding for 5 e-readers - \$2,091
14. Eco Club – Partial funding of \$500
15. Climbing Wall – Partial funding of \$3,000

6. NEXT MEETING – WILMAR K.

- The next meeting scheduled for April 4 will not take place. We'll be choosing a new date soon.

MOTION: Gina Fortsas, Erica Robertson
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.