

**MINUTES
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2013, 6:45 PM, LIBRARY**

Present – Wilmar Kortleever, Sarah Dawson, Kathy Ribeiro, Mike Kennedy, Shelly Lowe, Rachel Chernos Lin, Sue Thurow, Sandra Whittaker, Susan Brookes, Lynda Debono, M. Larivière, Mlle Laroque, Aly N Alibhai, Anca Avram, Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, Anna Dumancic, Bernadette Vanneste, Christine Spangler, Claude Lukawesky, Dan Murphy, Diana Speer-McBean, Diane Clute, Donnette James, Erica Lewis, Frank Chang, Gina Fortsas, Greg Harju, Jacqueline Frazer, Janice Clugston, Julie Brown, Julie Zgjana, Kim Rossos, Lesley Bruce, Linda Manserra, Lisa Towle, Marina Kioulmetis, Michelle Chue, Michelle Munro, Nancy Baillie, Peter Baugh, Sandra King, Sarah Stevens, Sharon Krieger, Stephen Peirce, Sue Gray, Sylvia Morais-Jones, Trevor Rands

Regrets –

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

1. WELCOME – WILMAR KORTLEEVER

Welcome to everyone and reminder to please sign in on the attendee sheet. Wonderful news that Ms. Cornish had a baby girl, Elsie, and replacing Ms Cornish as staff representative will be Mlle. Laroque.

2. MOTION Sue Thurow, Angie Novatchis-Kalentzis

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL AGENDA

CARRIED

3. MOTION Sue Thurow, Angie Novatchis-Kalentzis

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES, JANUARY 30, 2013

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REPORT – WILMAR KORTLEEVER

- Most events have been reported on, in the weekly email
- Both Sarah and Wilmar were part of the District Review last Thursday – there were 8 visiting principals, spending the entire day, going into all classrooms and instructional spaces available, speaking to both the children and teachers to understand what is being done for education in the school. They will follow up with a report that highlights what we're doing well and what we could improve upon. It is an interesting process and shows what's being done behind the scenes to improve our education.
- Wilmar has been involved in a number of meetings – with the TDSB (about budget cuts, as example), various ward meetings, and developments on the labour front and impact on the school. It is going in the right direction and an agreement might soon be signed between provincial gov't and unions. Updates on activities will follow later in the agenda.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE – MIKE KENNEDY

- Last night, teachers attended a TEDESA meeting
- Several sports teams will be starting shortly - 5/6 boys soccer, 7/8 boys and girls soccer (tournaments finished by beginning of June), Ultimate Frisbee (5/6/7) co-ed

- Track and Field – we have April 30/May 1 for Leaside. Ms. Borden is working on schedules - May 17 for Grades 2-6 and May 27 for Grades 7/8 (dates to compete against other schools). Teachers participating are Ms. Borden, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Ellis. Ms. Borden has reached out to parents for volunteers – will provide more info re what help we need. May do an event here on another day. More details will follow.
- April 25 – Open House and Spring Concert will take place (in North Gym, South Gym and Library). Question re the day of the week chosen....staff tend to lean towards Thursday nights.
- May 2 – Roy Thompson Hall performance from 12-1pm. It is free admission and doors open at 11:30am. We are performing with Agincourt. Marty Smith will also be performing, on the organ. Anyone can attend.
- May 9 – Massey Hall – performance at 7:30 pm (for choir parents only)
- June 25 – Grade 8 Grad - 6pm photos, ceremony starts at 6:30pm, dance until 11pm - save the date notice will come out later this week. Thanks to the Grad committee and Ms. Standing.
- Grade 8 grad trip – June 13/14 – going to Pinecrest Camp. Paperwork is being signed by Superintendents and will get info out to students by Friday.
- EQAO date – June 3-6 – Grade 3, May 28-31 for Grade 6
- Please ensure dogs stay off school property as we had a recent unfortunate incident.
- Scooters, bikes – kids must wear appropriate safety wear. They can't use them on school property during school time (4:30 pm is officially the end of the day). There's an outdoor supervision schedule posted at the doors, regarding supervision after school. Mike will ensure people are following that schedule.
- There will be announcements made re dress code as the weather is getting warmer
- Kindergarten orientation will take place (English and French) – May 15 in the library
- Planning a trip for Grade 4s to go to Roy Thompson Hall. Getting buses, tickets, etc. organized.
- Safe Schools Committee – meet this Friday at lunch. If you have any concerns re trends/policies, feel free to bring up with this committee. On agenda will be traffic safety and school entry system. Need to use a buzzer during school hours. Will talk about start-up issues.
- Have counted signs posted on school property...there are 80 - some are redundant, others are confusing. Any suggestions always welcome, as we determine what action to take.
- Leaside 100th Gala celebration – tickets still available – Sat, April 27 – dinner and dance. \$125/ticket - held in the Leaside arena.
- Tues, April 23rd - Leaside 100th ceremony begins at Leaside Library and moves over to Bessborough School. We will have some of our music students performing there. Our piper will attend. Starts at 11am. Go into Leaside 100 website – a lot of exciting things about to take place.
- Leaside High School Parents Council – April 25th at 7pm – speaker from CAMH – topic will be dealing with teenagers who have to cope with stress.
- Check website for upcoming events.
- 10th year of Leaside Blood Donor event tonight. Metro donated a cake in recognition of the 10th year.

6. SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL FOR 2013/2014

- Based on projected enrolments, we get a staff allocation from the TDSB – number of teachers and staff we get. We have learned through staff allocation, that instead of 44 current staff members, we will have 40.5 next year (down by 3.5 FTE), including 1 less teacher in English, 1 in French, and staff reductions in both library and resource.
- We are projected to have 19 less students next year, down from 827 students. This results in a reduction of 2.3% of students but 8% of staff. Part of this is due to budget cuts by TDSB, and the fact that they get less money for librarians from Prov Gov't, so are cutting back to the money they have for this support. Next year, only 10 elementary schools in TDSB will have full time librarians. The clip levels are not disclosed – they just went to top 10 schools. All schools in system get .5 librarian at minimum. Question re whether the others schools are as complex as this school – they are certainly larger than us.
- There is over-spending of \$23M in Special Ed in TDSB – even though there are cuts, we're still not where we need to be.
- Wilmar has sent a letter to Trustee Gershon and Superintendent Dickinson, expressing concern. As a parent community, we can object if we choose to. The fact is, TDSB is spending more money than they're getting from the province so they need to find the money somewhere. We can object to what they cut and how specific schools are affected.
- With fewer teachers in junior and intermediate, class sizes will increase. Needs vary with the grade. A lot of students are on IEPs – we have spent more traditionally over the years and the budget has increased to accommodate the needs. We have 117 students on IEPs across the school. We are trying to support these children through graduation. All schools that are dual track, means resources in the school are shared between the two tracks in the school.
- Guidance for Grades 7/8 is going down. Ms. Kurkjian has 3 schools this year, and we don't yet know what that will be next year. Guidance is going from 60 to 40 in TDSB. We usually find that out in May and our Superintendent decides how that will be allocated.
- If anyone has anything to discuss with the Executive, please let us know.

2013/2014 teacher allocation:

- There is a staffing committee elected each year. We have a school committee consisting of 6 teachers reps, plus Kathy Ribeiro, Mike Kennedy and Becky Jenkins. Prior to getting numbers, they survey the staff regarding creative ideas for next year. The Staffing Committee starts early in the spring, and gets allocation after March break. Allocation we get is based on our projected enrolment - TDSB listens to our feedback on numbers. For the first time in history, we have more home room teachers assigned to French than to English. We will have 14 English stream classes in English and 15 in French.
- Then as a staffing committee we take the number of home room classes and work through the models. Started with English - several reviews have taken place with the staff. There was a parent consultation meeting last Friday and an exec meeting with the Council Advisory Team, talking about different models. We are listening to feedback tonight and as an admin team, we will make decisions on final model tomorrow....then, over to our Superintendent to approve and then give teacher assignments to them next week.
- The following models were voted upon in favour, by the parents in attendance at the meeting:

2013/2014 Northlea School Model - English Primary

JK = 58 students
SK = 25 students

83 students, 2 fte teachers (4 classes),
1 exemption (#)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
JK	20	20
JK	20	20
JK/SK	9 + 11	20
JK/SK	9 + 14	23#

grade 1 = 22 students
grade 2 = 33 students
grade 3 = 26 students

81 students, 4 teachers,
1 exemption (#)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
1/2	12 + 8	20
1/2	10 + 10	20
2/3	8 + 12	20
2/3	7 + 14	21#

2013/2014 Northlea School Model - English Junior

grade 4 = 31 students
grade 5 = 48 students
grade 6 = 48 students

127 students, 5 teachers (8 for grade 4-8)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
4/5	16 + 9	25
4/5	15 + 10	25
5	29	29
6	24	24
6	24	24

2013/2014 Northlea School Model - English Intermediate

grade 7 = 41 students

grade 8 = 56 students

97 students, 3 teachers
(part of 8 for grade 4-8)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
7	33	33
7/8	8 + 23	31
8	33	33

2013/2014 Northlea School Model - French Immersion Primary

SK = 46 students

46 students, 1fte teachers (2 classes),
2 exemptions (#)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
SK	23	23#
SK	23	23#

grade 1 = 44 students
 grade 2 = 58 students
 grade 3 = 42 students

144 students, 7 teachers,
 2 exemptions (#)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
1	20	20
1/2	12 + 8	20
1/2	12 + 11	23#
2	20	20
2/3	9 + 11	20
2/3	10 + 11	21#
3	20	20

Note: in this model there are various, marginally varying options for the student numbers (WK, April 11)

2013/2014 Northlea School Model - French Immersion Junior

grade 4 = 35 students
 grade 5 = 40 students
 grade 6 = 46 students

121 students, 4 teachers
 (part of 7 allocated for grade 4-8)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
4/5	17 + 12	29
4/5	18 + 12	30
5/6	8 + 23	31
5/6	8 + 23	31

2013/2014 Northlea School Model - French Immersion Intermediate

grade 7 = 38 students

grade 8 = 42 students

80 students, 3 teachers
(part of 7 allocated for grade 4-8)

Grade(s)	Students per grade	Total students
7	27	27
7/8	10 + 16	26
8	27	27

Note: in this model there are various, marginally varying options for the student numbers (WK, April 11)

- Last Friday before school opens in the fall, we do re-look at the model to see if we could make it better. Sometimes we have to reorganize once school starts. This is rationale why kids don't know their teachers, before leaving school in June. It gives us flexibility to make changes in the fall to make the model better.
- Question re whether we try to avoid split classes? Parents would generally prefer straight classes. There are great examples of combined grade teaching, so parent's perception has changed where they see great opportunities. In our school we have some flexibility, based on our size. We also look at gender splits, as well as academic/social needs. There are pros and cons with both models
- Question re whether we will get rid of portables with 2 less teachers. We don't want to get rid of them, as we're so close to FDK.

7. PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

- **SCHOOL SUPPORT – RACHEL CHERNOS LIN / KARA PEARSON**
- No updates – covers safety programs, FDK, safe arrival, and Parent Safety programs. Looking for more volunteers.
- **COUNCIL ADVISORY TEAM – WILMAR KORTLEEVER**

- Met this week to speak about school model and FDK . The FDK Committee did a walkabout through the school regarding where kindergarteners could fit – will come up with options to accommodate FDK – could be in 4, 5 or 6 classrooms
- Spoke about upcoming deadlines – various nominations for teacher awards. If you think a teacher is doing an exceptional job, you can nominate them for various awards. Please let us know if you do.

8. NEW BUSINESS; QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – WILMAR KORTLEEVER

- Nothing to update

9. MOTION Sue Brookes, Sandra Whittaker

MEETING ADJOURNED

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

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1. WELCOME – WILMAR KORTLEEVER

- 2. MOTION** **Sandra Whittaker, Sue Brookes**
APPROVAL OF H&S AGENDA

CARRIED

- 3. MOTION** **Sandra Whittaker, Sue Brookes**
APPROVAL OF H&S MINUTES, JANUARY 30, 2013

CARRIED

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – WILMAR KORTLEEVER

- Nothing to report

5. TREASURER’S UPDATE – SUE BROOKES

- Current statement of Revenue and Expenses reviewed
- In 2013, we brought forward a lot of money to do upgrading at front of school. We agreed to hold it over to the 2013/2014 school year.
- Family Fun Night not included yet (proceeds or expenses) - will see that in May
- Wilmar – this week you’ll receive a letter re Funding proposals and how we can spend our money to enrich our school (large to small proposals are welcome)
- April 26 – deadline for electronic proposals
- Exec meeting will take place to review the proposals
- H&S council meeting on May 16 - every member of H&S can vote on those proposals. Please turn out to that meeting to vote.

- 6. MOTION** **Ali Alibhai, Rachel Chernos Lin**
TO ACCEPT THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

CARRIED

7. PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

- **FUNDRAISING UPDATE – LYNDA DEBONO**
- A number of fundraising programs are ongoing – Shop Get Give – eg Tremblett’s Valumart, Mabels Labels, etc
- Acorn cards – deadline next Monday, April 15; QSP still ongoing
- FFN – applause for organizers – Rachel and Kara
 - We had 100s of volunteers and great support from H&S and admin. Numbers aren’t final yet, but gross \$52,000. Feedback that the “kid” focus was perfect this year – indoor carnival for the kids. We have an amazing community of support from sponsors. Thanks to Lynda who did all of the sponsorship. Final numbers will be published later.
- Next Home and School meeting on May 16 – we will know how much money we will have to spend. Will be immediately after Date Knight - tickets on sale now – 70 committed already – would like to see 150 people there. Many prizes already committed. Date Knight email

came out this week and a catalogue will come out in a few weeks. Can get tickets here or in the office at posted times. There will be a DJ, light food, drink included and a swag bag. Will hopefully be the first one of many.

- **COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE – WILMAR KORTLEEVER / SARAH DAWSON**
- Still exploring an idea regarding Northlea Yard Sale....present an opportunity to sell your stuff by coming together at a central place (maybe the school field). This would be for charity.
- **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE – SARAH DAWSON / FRANK CHANG**
- Thank you to Frank . Sarah and Lisa Pierce, for what they do every week

8. NEW BUSINESS – WILMAR KORTLEEVER

- Kilometer Club starting on May 1-17. Winit points will be offered for helping out with Km Club (Grade 6-8). Please email Claude if there is someone interested in helping out.
- Is there communication with the Grade 6-8 kids re how they can earn Winit points? Intermediate team is looking at this now.

9. NEXT MEETING – WILMAR KORTLEEVER

- Meetings to be scheduled
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10. MOTION Angie Novatchis-Kalantzis, Sue Brookes

MEETING ADJOURNED

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.