

MINUTES
NORTHLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
LIBRARY – NORTHLEA SCHOOL – 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2017

PRESENT: David Ehrlich, Jane Wadden, Jen Adziovsky, Arti Panday, Amy White, Nicole Cooper, Sharon Krieger, Wilmar Kortleever, Stephen Peirce, Sandra Whittaker, Alexis DeCastro, Sarah Andersen, Teresa Lam, Alana Cushing, Melanie Harju, Sandra King, Barbara Ko, Lilian Gier, Heather Allan Brown, Jennifer Ego, Heather Buchan, Jennifer Drynan, Jacqueline Frazer, Jen Meyerhoffer, Allison Wesly, Monika Scholte, Angie Kalentzes, Karen Thorne, Kara Kane.

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

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Arti Panday

2. MOTION Alexis DeCastro seconded by Sandra Whittaker
Approval of School Council Agenda CARRIED

3. MOTION Sharon Krieger seconded by Alexis DeCastro
Approval of School Council Minutes Jan 30, 2017 CARRIED

4. ADIMINSTOR'S UPDATE – David Ehrlich and Jane Wadden

- Pink day today with lots of students involved, supported by Me to We
- Enhanced focus on equity and increased awareness by the students
- Busy time of year for students and staff
- Safety letter sent out today and posted on Northlea's website – all letters that go home are vetted by the TDSB's communication department
 - David went to the 7 and 8 classes, letters to all classes with attachments of the TDSB Street Proofing
 - Talked with the classes about safety when travelling in the area
 - No issues with the safety of the school
- Home & School provided funds to Northlea for STEM
 - Now in the process of purchasing the STEM manipulatives
 - Lego sets – those with gears and those with robotics
 - Junior/Intermediate comes with software
 - Starting into coding
 - Broad professional development in STEM
 - Discussion about a robotics class
- Tech workshops
 - Next Thursday – 6:30 – 7:30 in the North Gym
 - Kids and parents can come and try out various tech
 - Stations for all the various grades/division
 - Free door prizes
 - Snap shot of some of the things that are occurring at Northlea
- Foot patrol – kids helping kids cross the street at Divadale and Rumsey, with at least one parent supervising
- Lighting and safety issues – meet with Caretaker for the area and a meeting to occur in May, survey occurred and there is enough lights, but the lights aren't bright enough – it will take time to work through possible solutions

SCHOOL MODEL

- Schedule for next year will not be changing and no change to the supervision schedule
- Period break down – it has been adjusted for this year but is only a guide for the teachers
 - Guide so that some weeks can be flexible – based on Ministry guidelines
 - Increased math times to ensure math meets the 60 minutes per day
 - Health for primary and junior is back in phys ed due to linkages with phys ed and to allow for the balance with the curriculum expectations
 - Health will delivered in 3 – two week blocks over the year where health will be delivered instead of physical education for the primary and junior divisions and the home room teacher will be aware to allow for compensation during those two weeks (take kids outside or be active when missing phys ed)
 - Will revisit this next year after trying it out for the year
 - Question about combining the music and drama/dance together – It was discussed but do not want to diminish one program by combining with another.

MODEL – distributed

- David receives a sheet with the staffing break down for the next year – allocated 40.5 teachers (currently at 40) and the increase is 0.5 as an ESL teacher
- English –
 - Kindergarten – all classes will be JK/SK
 - Why is the alternative not better? – teaching a large number of JK students is challenging
 - Primary – all capped at 20 with the only grade 3-4 split is mandated to have 23
 - Is there any flexibility if the actual numbers to have a different delivery model? – yes will look at everything again in September around 16th or 17th and if you are going to reorganize then it will happen around the 20th or when a new teacher is in place. This is Ministry mandated so must wait for those dates.
 - Junior – Numbers are good – purposefully try to keep the numbers in the splits a bit lower
 - Intermediate – discussion around the 7s and 8s
- French –
 - Kindergarten – 2 straight SK
 - Primary – lots of splits, one exemption for grade 3 to be 23 – challenges that if one additional student
 - Junior –
 - Intermediate – 2 straight classes
- Discussed the additional allocation - DD classes and the needs have changed within the classroom that is creating some challenges with phys ed so there may be more sharing of the large gym
- Seniority has nothing to do with teaching assignment – based on expertise, preference and administration decisions
- Question related to John Fisher and the possibility of those students attending Northlea? – anyone connected to John Fisher everything is on hold – families have asked and will not be allowed to come even if they move into the area – for us no change, if there is anything that needs to be communicated then ask the board to communicate
- Moving towards more integration of student in the home school program (HSP), no grade 1 students into HSP moving forward – exit results post secondary for HSP is not doing well, thus the change in the program by utilizing the HSP teacher to create more team teaching
- Any questions please call David

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- Thank you to Wilmar, Rachel, David and Jane for the updated newsletter
- Extra curricular – unusual decrease and programs were cancelled this year
 - Could Pedal Heads come for biking after school?
 - Any possibility for the Ks to go out for part of the lunch? Will discuss further offline and set
- Kindergarten hot lunch program – 80% of the families of those who responded are interested, few meetings with servery to see if they could provide the program, but will end up with an external company
 - Contacted Rose Reisman catering and a very easy program for us to run as all the families would order their own online and then delivered individual offered – the school will be launching this 1 day per week starting after the May long weekend
- Trevor Brown will be coming in to do sessions for the parents on Math one session on May 1st for the grades 6,7,8 and then May 3rd for up to grade 5
 - Parents only – funded by the PRO grant
- May 3rd – one day Scholastic is having a book fair at 50% off
- DD breakfast program – need identified to have a breakfast program – DD classes did fundraising to be able and fund it for the remainder of the year for the classes
 - Will look at how to fund it further moving forward through grants or the TDSB \$1 breakfast program

6. NEXT MEETING – May 31, 2017 – funding proposal meeting

- 7. MOTION** Jen Meyerhoffer seconded by Sandra Whittaker
 To adjourn the meeting CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

**MINUTES
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 pm.

- 1. MOTION** Wilmar Kortleever, seconded by Stephen Peirce
 Approval of the H&S Association Agenda CARRIED

- 2. MOTION** Sharon Krieger seconded by Jen Meyerhoffer
 Approval of H&S Association Minutes, Jan 30, 2017 CARRIED

3. CHAIR’S REPORT/UPDATES – Amy White

- New fundraiser – pizza lunch for the last 3 months of the year – the last Friday of April 28, May 26 and June 16
 - Frank working to get all the information on line – sign up for all 3, sign up for 1, 2 or 3 slices – cost between 16.50 to 21.50
 - Looking for parent and student volunteers – Sign up with the Sign-up genius for the soft-ware to recruit volunteers

- Funding proposals – will put out call for proposals within the next week, they do require a bit of work to have the quotes and background work done
- No Date night this year – instead will be offering an axe throwing event at Amsterdam Brewery in the parking lot and have some food involved and hope

4. Financials - Sharon reviewed the financials, revenue \$37,000 – sponsorship, ticket sales both up this year. Expenses still coming in, Sharon estimates \$40,000 to \$45,000 will be available for the funding proposals. Sharon suggested having ideas of where our 7% community disbursements should go this year. Last year the community disbursement went to the Fort McMurray school to replace their books post the fire. Discussion about where our community should be directed, could we have a twin school? Wilmar provided some background on the community disbursements in the past. Action item to connect with Rachel about the relationship with Thorncliffe School.

MOTION	Wilmar Kortleever, seconded by Stephen Peirce To approve the March financials	CARRIED
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5. MOTION	Sharon Krieger, seconded by Stephen Peirce To adjourn the meeting	CARRIED
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.