MINUTES
NORTHLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
LIBRARY – NORTHLEA SCHOOL – 6:30 PM
MONDAY JANUARY 30, 2017


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

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Arti Panday

2. MOTION Monika Scholte seconded by Stephen Pierce
   Approval of School Council Agenda CARRIED

3. MOTION Monika Scholte seconded by Laura Henry
   Approval of School Council Minutes Nov 24, 2016 CARRIED

4. Special Guest – Gee Fou-Tsang – Supporting a Student’s Growth Mindset
   Presentation: The Power of Yet
   - TDSB’s Vision for Learning
   - Difference between fixed and growth mindsets
   - Difference in praise – intelligence vs. effort
   - Process vs. Product
   - Adding in yet at the end of statements
   - Inquiry-based approach
   - Discussion related to how Northlea has worked with Gee for implementing growth mindset and STEM
   - Power of yet - video

5. ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE – David Ehrlich and Jane Wadden
   - Report cards – home Feb 13
   - Trevor Brown came last week and worked with the teachers for each division (prim, junior and intermediate), teachers receptive to ideas, used manipulatives (blocks, problem solving techniques)
   - Next steps for STEM – staff interested in learning more and developing Math Leads
   - Ski day – lots of fun for the 7s and 8s
   - Last week met with the head of Caretakers for this area – around the lighting and safety issues at the school, will set up a meeting to have the area surveyed when it is dark
   - Traffic meeting today and Friday – CAA, support us with student ambassadors with Kiss’n’Ride and Kindergarten families to have Kindergarten children use the Kiss’n’Ride and then walk the kindies to their playground, also opportunities to have kids at the 4 corners of the intersections near the school that do not have crossing guards
   - More signage to the Kiss’n’Ride – positive re-enforcement
   - Could there be more positive message as well rather than just the negative issues that come up?
   - Discussed having more assemblies with the children to discuss traffic safety to have the children then educate their families
• Discussed the tragedy that occurred yesterday in Quebec and the admin team are assessing the direct impact in the classes
• Gymnasium floor to be redone in the summer – different surface to be inserted. Not an all-purpose floor but more rubberized. Mr. Ellis approved of the floor.
• Amy – Trevor Brown to speak to the parents as part of the PRO Grant, we will be working with Trevor to set up sessions with the parents in the evenings over the next couple of months, targeting the different divisions.
• Also have money dedicated to STEM to be utilized during the year.

6. NEXT MEETING – TBD

7. MOTION Jen Myerhoffer seconded by Monika Scholte
   To adjourn the meeting CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm.

1. MOTION Sharon Krieger, seconded by Rachel Chernos-Lin
   Approval of the H&S Association Agenda CARRIED

2. MOTION Rachel Chernos-Lin seconded by Jen Myerhoffer
   Approval of H&S Association Minutes, Nov 24, 2016 CARRIED

3. CHAIR’S REPORT/UPDATES – Amy White
   • Fundraising – Fund Script and Flipgive – remind everyone that it is an easy way to give back to Northlea, looking at other opportunities – pizza lunch program which will need parent volunteers to assist with the running of the program, using Menchies to bring frozen yogurt into the school around Valentine’s Day – Discussion related to bringing food into the school, need to make the decision if we are going to do it will talk about it offline
   • Discussion around pyjama day that was missed in terms in communication with parents and teachers
   • Larger discussion related to food in school
   • Any ideas for fundraising please let us know, send the home and school an email
   • Discussion relating to method of fundraising and the fundraising policy, discussion related to funding for a goal rather than just fundraising – examples for fundraising throughout the year and allocate the money throughout the year – can discuss the options moving forward with the executive
   • Kindergarten – summer play date – welcome letter sent to bring the new kindergarten families to the community
   • FFN – date: March 30th
     o David meeting with the committee next Monday
• Volunteers still required for graphics and administration of the student volunteers
• Social series – setting up guidelines – community building series of events, many teachers getting involved this year
  o Date Night to move to November 2017 – will be looking for team to organizing this event
• Looking at implementing a Kindergarten lunch program
  o TDSB has a proposal for us
  o Hope to send out a survey to all the kindergarten parents with a sample menu and it would be pre-ordered at about $5.50
  o Also looking a pre-buy program for the older grades as well

4. Finacials - Sharon reviewed the financials – only addition has been the small amount added by the small fundraising by Kara. Also discussed the need for a committee to finalize the kindergarten playground – Jen volunteered to participate.

   MOTION Rachel Chernos-lin, seconded by Wilmar Kortleever
   To approve the December financials CARRIED

5. MOTION Rachel Chernos Lin, seconded by Jen Myerhoffer
   To adjourn the meeting CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.