

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**LIBRARY – NORTHLEA SCHOOL – 6:30 PM**  
Thursday November 24, 2016

**PRESENT:** David Ehrlich, Jane Wadden, Jen Adziovsky, Arti Panday, Amy White, Alexis De Castro, Kara Pearson, Nicole Cooper, Wilmar Kortleever, Sharon Krieger, Monika Scholte, Doug McCormick, Kristen Ballard, Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, Sharon Krieger, Heidi Bajcar.

**The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.**

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Arti Panday**

**2. MOTION** Doug McCormick seconded by Angie Novachis-Kalentzis  
Approval of School Council Agenda CARRIED

**3. MOTION** Angie Novachis-Kalentzis seconded by Monika Scholte  
Approval of School Council Minutes Oct 19, 2016 CARRIED

**4. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SAFETY – Toronto Police 53<sup>rd</sup> Division Staff Sergeant Moyer**

- Discussion related to graffiti – mural along alley way between Sutherland and Laird to help prevent further graffiti, discussion about graffiti on school property.
  - To participate on future mural projects, students can link with TDSB to get volunteer hours while creating murals to prevent further graffiti
- Traffic projects – last one was in September for this neighbourhood targeting those turning north onto Bayview from Glenvale – sent a message during return to school time. 50% or higher of those stopped navigating through Leaside were from the neighborhood
- Toronto Police has had a massive transformation in service – senior officers that are leaving and are not replaced, not hiring and not promoting, looking at essential services
  - Crossing guards – Police would rather have the school boards manage crossing guards, but still the responsibility of the Police Services
  - If you know any seniors in the neighbourhood who would like to work part time as a crossing guard, please have them contact Police Services
  - Looking at customer services and now will be providing priority and essential services, trying to get officers in the area who will take ownership of the neighbourhood
  - Pedestrian accidents – about 44 killed in the city this year, 50% of which are seniors
  - New project to have lighted wrist bands for those out walking in the evening or early morning
- Questions – What time was the traffic project done? – 4 days in morning and evening (not weekends)
- Regarding graffiti – vandalism, drinking and drugs are the bigger issues. Can create an intelligence lead policing to narrow down the location and the times so that the police can patrol the areas. Call the non-emergency line to create the report.
- Enforcement – of the illegal turns. Two dedicated officers that can look into the area but people are creatures of habit and then they will come back after being ticketed or the enforcement stops
- Why do we pay the crossing guards so little? Earn approximately \$12.86 per hour and only work a limited number of hours making approximately \$100/week

- Cross guards from 53<sup>rd</sup> Division having their Christmas Party on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from 9:30 to 11:00 am
- Anyone we can appeal to, to petition change for salary of crossing guards? – Suggestion of a letter to the Chief of Police or to go through John Burnside
- Could there be a plan in place to show up to school during the busy times? Yes can periodically to drop the by the school, but if a major event occurs will lose all the resources to the major event. Yes I can do that. I cannot commit dedicated resources on a permanent basis.
- Ticketing – ticket versus warning – beginning of the year, police were warning individuals, but now can check if that driver has received cautions recently so they can ticket if the driver has been cautioned many times. Police on bikes cannot check for cautions so they give out more tickets.
- Concern with walking kids to school and the number of cars ignoring stop signs and racing through
- Concern about the individual that was pulling girls hair, any update? That family is no longer in the neighbourhood.
- Please call if there are major concerns or email Staff Sargent Moyer or use the traffic app
- Mentioned that the Police have a major toy drive.
- Suggestions to monitor vandalism – if you have a camera, then need a sign to manage the expectations of privacy

## 5. ADIMINSTOR'S UPDATE – David Ehrlich and Jane Wadden

- **EQAO**
- School Vision for Learning – 3 goals, based on quantitative data, observations, surveys, and dialog with teachers
- Broader based planning
- Results from last year discussed – all above provincial and board average, some areas are even higher than other schools in the area
- Math is a general focus for the school – although low for the grade 6 math, they are still 18% higher than the province, questions raised related to the accuracy of the test
- Across the province the girls out perform the boys. Across the province in learning skills girls are also getting more Good and Excellent than the boys. Interesting to see if the characteristics of a 10 year-old boy – to be proficient in self-regulation, how can we adapt to how they are developing. A new area to look at and adapt teaching styles to meet the needs of the kids.
- In the fall – look at the assessment and discuss trends. In the winter, regroup to discuss strategies for implementation after March break. This year in the fall Northlea started to looked at the questions – and the kids were struggling with the vocabulary used in the questions, and in math the test used open ended questions. Struggled with using supporting evidence with text from the question, and now looking at the gap. Also conversion of units. Trends for mathematics instruction, best way to teach math – not in favour of rote learning but some basics are not developed that leads to trouble with higher order analysis
- 3 Learning foci to support TDSB Vision for the Learning – **Equity, Achievement and Well-Being**
- **Achievement** – We will improve student achievement in Language and Math among our junior grade boys in the English stream who are achieving level 2 or below in writing and problem solving skills.
- Discussed Achievement Literacy Action Plan and Achievement Mathematics Action Plan to assist in reaching this goal
- Discussed STEM, Learning coach and Trevor Brown – basic skills vs. problem solving
- Goal specific to a certain group of students, but to the action plan includes all students

- **Well-Being** – We will provide a school climate that promotes inclusion, risk taking, healthy living and student growth by continuing to support the concept of student voice through classroom and school practice.
- Discussed action plan for Well-Being and the whole school assemblies – first was Oct 21 and next is in February and then later in the spring all linked with social justice and ensure kids feel they belong
- **Equity** – This year staff at Northlea will continue to examine their understanding of Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy and apply this understanding in their classroom practices. We will continue to model and promote inclusion of our Special Education students at Northlea (ex. DD classrooms Ms. Reiken’s and Ms. Hylton’s classes)
- Discussed action plan for Equity – large shift in focus and linking this with all the classes

Safety issues at School

- Staff noticed that the outside lights are on a different timer since the time change. There may be an issue of synchronizing the timer to the new time.
- Enhancing the lights – brighter or add more, worried that it may create more issues, David is for opening up the discussion for further lighting but need to have the conversations with the community as well to ensure there are no unintended consequences.
- What is the process to make thing safer. Worried since the time change and areas are dark on the schoolyard. David – will bring this to the school safety committee and start the conversations.
- Question about a mugging at Leaside High School, David hadn’t heard about anything. May not be public knowledge if the victim or the accused are under 16.
- Traffic update – Leaside Property Owners Association, working with a traffic consultant – proposing a number of traffic improvements that would be good for Northlea – raised sidewalks, funnels – (half raised speed bumps), might come faster than envisioned and around Northlea. Has to go through the City Transport department.
- Councilor Burnside – created a North Leaside Traffic Committee, (MTLC) committee to look at other options to increase traffic and pedestrian safety.

**6. NEXT MEETING – January, 2016**

- 7. MOTION** Heidi Bacjar seconded by Angie Novachis-Kalentzis  
To adjourn the meeting CARRIED

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.**

**MINUTES  
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:32 pm.**

- 1. MOTION** Monica Scholte seconded by Kristin Ballard  
Approval of the H&S Association Agenda CARRIED

**2. MOTION** Kristin Ballard seconded by Doug McCormick  
Approval of H&S Association Minutes, Oct 19, 2016 CARRIED

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT/UPDATES – Amy White**

- Special education speaker – group a parents who would like a parent support group to help navigate the process, David to offer guidance, Sharon will be heading up this group
- Kiss'n'Ride – volunteers numbers now up to 19, looking at signage to help with identifying the area and ensure that everyone is aware of the Kiss'n'Ride area – contacted Toronto Police to help with signage
- Servery and Kindergarten lunch program – food options – for grade 1-8, since we have a severy it is not an option for school to have outside lunch options
- Small fundraising update – cookie dough finalized last week – over \$1000 raised, may do a second drive. Two new opportunities, flip-give and fund-scrip – purchase gift cards with a portion going back to Northlea. Mabels labels continues to give back to Northlea and they are having a black Friday sale
- STEM – Trevor Brown to talk with parents after he works with the teachers – most likely Feb or March
- Kindergarten committee – moved their parent night out to February
- FFN – Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, Alana Cushing, Natasha Stodard, have volunteered to chair FFN. There are a number of roles that will need to be filled moving forward
- Date night – chair needed, fresh ideas and fresh blood needed
- PEAC conference – this past weekend, great seminars, workshops and keynotes, another parent conference will be occurring in April/May
- Press conference – 2 weeks ago, Northlea was the host as the province announced the plans for photo radar around schools
- Classifieds program – In need of a new coordinator. Anyone who is able to run it please let us know
- Book fair – Dec 5-9<sup>th</sup> need volunteers for that especially in the morning, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> has an evening program
- Library also needs more volunteers
- Collaborating with neighbouring schools to discuss areas the school associations can work together on. For example, Leaside High School is Northlea and Bessborough's only option for high school, need to look at how the board creates the boundaries for high schools and see if there are any options to open attendance at other surrounding schools
- French immersion deadline December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4. MOTION** Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, seconded by Doug McCormick  
To adjourn the meeting CARRIED

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.**