Northlea School Council | Minutes

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| Meeting Date: | Wednesday June 20th, 2018 |
| Chair(s): | Amy White & Arti Panday |
| Note Taker: | Allison Wesley |
| Attendees: |  |

**The meeting called to order at 6:40 pm.**

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**
2. **MOTION** Jen Meyerhoffer seconded Allison Wesley

Approval of School Council Agenda CARRIED

**3. MOTION** Rachel Chernos Lin seconded Allison Dixon

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| Agenda #1: | Staff Sergeant Matt Moyer |
| Discussion: | * Sergeant Moyer is no longer in 53 Division and has moved downtown to 52 Division * Jim Hogan is our crew staff sergeant but did not attend the meeting – he does not have same strength in manpower as in previous years * Resourced available have decreased * “way forward” in the Toronto police for is a massive transformation – 17 division down to 10. * There will be neighbourhood officers and they will stay for three years at a minimum. They will be going to only essential calls for service and building relationships in community. In this case we are part of the growing pains. * History Scott Yeates he is 25 years of age and currently living in Markham. He is living with mother who has her own set of issue. Mother is struggling with daughter in a wheelchair and Scott was left undiagnosed. Three years ago, he was charged with a couple of assaults involving girls in the neighbourhood. He went through mental health diversion instead of jail time. This means he was asked questions by the judge and assess by a court psychologist to determine if he could stand trail and failed the assessment. He was sent for three weeks to Penetanguishene to be properly assessed. Then he comes back and does two more weeks in a halfway house in Etobicoke, gets out and the family moves to Markham. All this happened in 2015. He had conditions of three years one of which was to keep a distance from the school and these just expired. * The trigger for this threat – he had an upsetting incident at home both in which parents were present and then post the messages “I’m a former student and eventually expelled putting people at risk and I am coming back to do more” with a picture of a stairwell (not at Northlea). This was posted on Facebook and had the mindset to use his mother’s Facebook account. * The family has been contacted and a report went in. The family has said he has no way to get to Toronto from Markham. But he does have the skill set to navigate the city and that conversation has been had with 53 Division. * Sergeant Moyer would like to have a behavior threat assessment – goes deep into the potential to commit crimes. * If it escalates in anyway and we think the neighbourhood is at risk or if it continues and we would like to put a picture in the office. |
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| Questions | Q- Quote was he was expelled for putting students at risks, do we know when he attended Northlea? A - He hurt students after.  Q- At a minimum should admin have a photo. A – Not any greater of a risk then anyone else coming in. Before we put a picture out we should do a proper investigation. Talk to Tim Sommers before we try and get a picture. Not a witch-hunt but a public service. No active victims involved. Comment seen as an indirect threat.  Q-Can we help you push for a behavior assessment? A - No needs to meet a thresh hold. In addition, he doesn’t have a huge criminal record. Moyer will touch base with Tim (Sergeant at 53) after meeting and will take our comments and thoughts.  Q- Scott is big and strong and took two officers to restrain him (in the previous incident) and he made a direct threat how is it decided that was deemed not worthy of a charge? A- not totally comfortable how it has been handled. In a case like this the police are going to want a little bit more. I see it as a threat. Let me have one crack at 53 and push for the threat assessment because there is a potential for violence. Would like a police officer to do a door knock. We don’t have a copy of the final report yet. We were advised that he was visited and cautioned.  Q- What actually is the history? A – he was living on Rumsey. He would have anger management issues and mother was having trouble controlling him. Sharon’s daughter was walking by and he yanked her hair and ripped it out. Sharon’s daughter did not press charges but he went on to do something similar in Loblaws and then three grade 8 girls in front of the school. He was put in holding in the first incident. He is currently under doctor’s care and doctor has been advised of the threat.  q- what are the potential “concrete” outcomes of the behavior assessment? A- if he disclosed at any time thoughts about threats then he can be formed (put away for 72 hours). It is a fact finding assessment.  Q- reality is that he doesn’t have to participate and the assessment doesn’t really help us with an active threat. Given the context and the words written why the decision was made not to charge him? A - He can find out and get back after talking to officer involved? Quite possible they didn’t goes as deep as they should have. What officers can’t control is that he dodged the system and avoided jail time and even charging him again can’t prevent this.  Q- If we revisit the photo. If he says he is coming here? If the police believe, he was going to come back here could we get a picture for the office? A – only if they were going forward with a charge.  Q- what do you suggest as a community to keep ourselves safe? A – he is under Doctor’s care and has been notified. We don’t know if there are other events where Northlea wasn’t involved. Can make an application under the freedom of information regarding this incident. What we need to also do is find out who is in charge of the investigation to put something in place. A picture can taint an investigation if there is an incident at another school.  Q – Is it possible to put a condition on him? A – No best we can do is a caution.  Q – Why does it take the Principal an hour and a half to get a response from police? A- In my view this should have been given priority and is unacceptable. In addition, sorry to Barbara.  Q – What is communicated to children during hold and secure? A- An announcement was made and instructions were given. Students move normally throughout the building. Teachers were made aware during the lunch hour and there was a meeting to discuss with staff.  Q – Did they lift the hold and secure knowing where he was? A – best guess is that they would have gone and talked to the Mother and knowing he was there.  Q – Can we have a bigger parent presents until the end of school? Agreement from all members of the meeting.  Next steps for Moyer – go back to 53 and discuss about parents feeling vulnerable because of a legitimate threats. Pose the question to officers “Are they totally satisfied with investigation?” Will communicate with Barbara. Ask Tim Sommers to keep constant communication with family – make sure he is on his meds and with family.  Description – 5’8, 25 years old. Bigger Build – a little doughy.  Action Items from Barbara: Will be served with a trespass notice from the TDSB. |

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| Agenda #2: | Administrator’s update– Barbara Sandler and JAne Wadden |
| Discussion: | * Thank you to exec and everyone involved in the school. * Spring sports: Great all around and results to be sent out later. * Jump rope for heart raised $9381.75 * Thanks to KM club. * Pride Parade hosted by glitter squad. Talk has been about what does it mean to be a friend, inclusive etc. talk is age appropriate. * Artist in resident – school wide project. Talking about murals and telling stories and what they do for public space. Theme is “We are Northlea” over the summer she will consolidate piece for entry wall. * Outdoor play and learning program: had first meeting with earth day Canada. Letting students have a say in their recess and what their outdoor play looks like. Also lots of community engagement. Storage and management of loose parts – have storage areas identified. Working with mentor schools to help with process. Typically put out at first recess and put back at last recess. * Waiting on audit results on eco schools. * All weather recess. – please send with rain gear. * Q- regarding sports? A - Try our best to staff to meet students’ needs and meet the needs of all student participating in sports or not. Making sure we take into consideration absents from class. Also trying to remove barriers from coaching for staff (which does sometime result in tournament days instead of weekly play) * Ask of community is to navigate this calmly and try different things. Lots of opportunity within TEDESSA. * Q – regarding Staff changes – teachers that are leaving will be announced on Monday and given a farewell on Thursday * Breakdown: 3 1/2 additional positions, 2 teachers on 4 over 5, 2 staff leaving to travel, 2 partners got a team teaching role, one transfer, one staying at home, two moving for better locations. All but 1 and ½ have been hired. Very excited about the new hires. Admin worked hard and tirelessly to secure the best teachers for our school community. * Q - Will there be a change in the first day of school? A - Goal is to send out at the end of August. Reluctant to commit because there can be changes to the numbers. It will depend on how confident we are with numbers. Admin has a strong understanding of how stressful the first day can be and trying to avoid this. * Were able to secure a generous grant to help with artist in the school, things for the outdoor learning spaces, improving shed, computers, and work with future design schools. * Plan for a more inclusive music plan and secure a number of instrument for the plan. |
| Agenda #3: |  |
|  | **CHAIR’S REPORT – Amy White & Arti Panday** |
| Discussion: | * Have a number of openings for next year and will continue to look over the summer and make decision in September to allow incoming parents be involved. * Send minutes to Frank to post online. |

**MOTION Jen Myerhoffer**, seconded by Allison Wesley CARRIED

Approval of the H&S Association Agenda

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**The meeting called to order at 8:30 pm.**

1. **MOTION** Rachel Chernos Lin and Natasha Stoddart

Approval of the H&S Association Agenda CARRIED

1. **MOTION** Allison Dixon, seconded Melyssa Hollister

Approval of H&S Association Minutes from May 29th, 2018 CARRIED

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| Agenda #1: | H&S association Financials – Sharon Kreiger |
| Discussion: | * As of 18th of June the financials reflect $62, 000 to the school today. * We think there will be $3000. * Community disbursements is 7% which is $4790 * Proposal for community disbarments made by Rachel Chernos Lin for People for Education and Thorncliff snack program. * Suggestion of $750 to People for Education and balance to Thorncliff’s midmorning snack. * Proposal Same about as last year * Vote: passed. * Presentation of the Cheque $62875.00 from the Home and School to Administration |

**Good byes to our dedicated exec members who are moving on: Sharon Kreiger, Val Cooke, Heidi Badjcar, and Amy White. Thanks for all your hard work!**

**MOTION** Jen Meyerhoffer seconded Doug CARRIED

to approve financials

**MOTION** Rachel Chernos Lin and Doug CARRIED

to approve community disbursements

**MOTION**  Jen Meyerhoffer, seconded by Allison Wesley CARRIED

to adjourn meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.**