Northlea School Council | Minutes

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| Meeting Date: | Thursday February 7, 2019 |
| Chair(s): | Allison Wesley & Heather McCann |
| Note Taker: | Allison Wesley |

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

1. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:**
2. **MOTION Angie Novachis** seconded Arti Panday

Approval of School Council Agenda CARRIED

**3. MOTION** Natash Stoddart seconded Christina Snelson

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| Agenda #1:  | admin update |
| Discussion: | * Opened with student created Earth Day video
* Jump Rope For Heart– launched Monday with assembly goal of $9000
* Volleyball tournament update
* Arts – Head a Tete K-3 sponsored by Home and School. Links to help teachers work on conflict resolution.
* Artist in residence – Kristin Lidell this is drama working with Grade 4 students and a visual artist coming soon to work with grades 3-6.
* Upcoming The Little Mermaid School Musical performance
* Our new head caretaker (who is amazing) arranged to have the background of the stage repainted!
* Sound equipment that was purchased is being set up currently. We gained a bonus two speakers for the north gym –so both gyms will be updated.
* 7th Generation Innovations – April 11th. Academic showcase. The evening will start with a choir performance. Shared inquiry questions that the school is working on.
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| Questions | * Q - How were the innovation night questions decided? A - Teachers look at curriculum – related curriculum expectations to the UN sustainability goals. Kids had some choice around the direction. Some classes working together are across grades, some are mixed French and English.
* How did the protest go today? From the Admin perspective it went well – Kids did one of three things: 1. (grades 4-8) walked around the back field, 2. for those in Grades 7 & 8, they left if they had parent permission – several went down to Queens Park, or 3. They stayed in class. \*\*One piece to share – There was a supervision plan that was prepared and put in place. Staff did not plan or encourage the walk. Kids were mature and respectful. Staff were asked to supervise on an as needs basis to ensure student safety. Instruction was not interrupted by this walkout and, in the end, there were few students on the yard and the three administrators supervised the walkout.
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| Agenda #2:  |  **School Model 2019/2020** |
| Discussion: | * Intro to this year: board funding is staggered. Full amount for TDSB has not been received. This means staffing is done if phases. This means we will have to do the staffing model again after April 23 as it will change again. We are waiting on updates about Vice Principal and ESL and Guidance. These allotments are variable on any given year related to population demongraphics.
* Context – looking at provincial reg. instructional considerations, TDSB standards. Grade ¾ combined has been mandated and the numbers are mandated.
* Spread the word with the intention form because we don’t have any exemptions.
* The model has to be done of the 775 number.
* 42.5 teachers vs. 44 down a teacher from last year with the same number of the kids.
* At this point we are sharing recommendations.
* Combined grades –has been a big discussion point. Admin understands concerns. Process for class placements is to have balanced classes – gender, student interest, needs. Bottom line is we are in a system that has combined grades and commitment is that parents can have confidence in meeting the needs of the students and having balanced classes.
* Need every single classroom to be a meaningful learning experience.
* Staff is very skilled in the classroom to create community.
* Last year Barbara brought all the feedback to teachers and the teachers really knew the kids and were aware of the dynamics.
* Barbara has already shared feedback that English Junior classes are much bigger then French.
* Numbers based on Projected numbered.
* Discussion around admin sharing parent recommendations with the board around additional ideas for the ¾ mandated split.
* Review of Prep roles – highlights: switch from one kindie prep to 2 prep for kindergarten to allow for team planning.
* Can stay behind to talk about intermediate if required. Intermediate model recommendation shared.
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| questions | * What about the social aspect of having really low of one grade in a split class? As a team trying to figure that piece out and parent feedback is welcomed. Staff is working hard to position kids to have successful learning experience. It is how the numbers break down and if two people leave over the year it can really impact the dynamic but that is something that varies in any given class at any given point. In those situations, staff works on a case by case basis.
* Can admin share feedback with the board on unbalanced split? Yes, we are in ongoing discussion with a very supportive and informed central team. We share parent feedback regularly.
* Are both portables in use again – yes.
* Conflicting message – is it a minimum of 4 or 6. Admin is saying it is 4. They will check and let us know if they receive different information.
* Do you keep sibling apart in slip classes? Generally try to keep them apart but look at case by case.
* Do you look at kids in daycare vs. non daycare. – this is done in Kindergarten but the school can endeavor to consult with Ruby (daycare) for other grades. This would fall under the social model.
* Are kids being excluded with splits like field trips> trying hard to ensure participation. Depending on curriculum. Students are not excluded – rather, excursions are coordinated on a class by class basis. All students are invited to join their class excursions.
* Given some time to talk in small groups – admin recording feedback.
* How many exemptions are you allowed? Board has a certain number they can allow. They look as room and need of other schools.
* Could you present other options to address the 4/19 split in Junior French? Yes (other numbers were played with and discussed)
* Do you foresee any new portables? We are projected to grow steadily but, at this point, does seem internally we have space to accommodate.
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| Agenda #3:  | *Boarder/boundary*  |
| Discussion: | * Inviting people Monday to learn about the PART process, meet the PART representatives from Northlea and learn more about the pressures at Eglinton PS. Question: Does the PART address population trends based on developments? Admin.: Yes, the TDSB Planning Department works very closely with the City to ensure they are up to date on current and planned developments.
* Rachel will be here and admin will be here. Arti Pandy and Heather McCann sit on the committee as parents representing Northlea.
* Monday Evening 6:30
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| Agenda #4:  |  |
|  | **CHAIR’S REPORT – Allison Wesley & Heather McCann** |
| Discussion: | * Moved along in interest of time.
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**MOTION Jen Adziovsky**, seconded by Christina Snelson CARRIED

Adjourn

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**The meeting called to order at 8:15 pm.**

1. **MOTION** Jen Adziovsky and Teresa Bailey

Approval of the H&S Association Agenda CARRIED

1. **MOTION**  Alison Maselli and Teresa Bailey

 Approval of H&S Association Minutes from Feb 7, 2019 CARRIED

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| Agenda #1:  | H&S association Financials  |
| Discussion: | * Pizza $20,000
* Only difference –chess incoming and outgoing
* Acorn cards will be going out shortly
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| Agenda #2:  | Chair Update – Allison Wesley and Heather McCann |
| Discussion: | * Spring Fling planning is well underway. – Reach out to baseball (who has to give up the field for the night) with a thank you note and the encouragement join the event.
* Acorn fundraising going out shortly
* Social series – new events this year which is exiting! Little bit later this year so looking to moving forward. On sale possibly next week.
* Moving forward with the kindergarten playgroup update. Landscaping will begin and then will add pieces in as funding permits. A Parent Liaison (Joanna Caners) has volunteered to help
* KM club 10th anniversary – would like to feature KM Club in US letter of the company who we buy all our charms from. Fitness Finders. CP24 is now interested will be making arrangements at some point during KM this year.
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**MOTION**  Angie Novachis , seconded by Jen Adziovsky CARRIED

 to adjourn meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**