

Minutes
NORTHLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 16, 2014 6:30 PM Library

Present – Alexis DeCastro, Rachel Chernos-Lin, Kara Pearson, Shelly Lowe, Wilmar Kortleeve, David Ehrlich, Sophia Danish, Jane Wadden, M. Lariviere, Ms. Cornish, Mme. Larocque, Mr. Harris, Martin Seaton, Lisa Reid, Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, Jag Ghandi, Sherri Stevenson, Tommy Hoffner, Michelle Chue, Jeannie Sit, Kristen Ruttan, Arlene Attwood, Gina Fortsas, Susana Maldenado, Patricia Diamantouros, Valerie Dubail, Frank Chang, Birin Singh, Wendy Weston, Melyssa Hollister, Barbara Boyd, Natasha Kent, Sharon Krieger, Nick Niktikakis, Doug McCormick, Susan Cuthbertson, Chris Rossos, Sue Grise, Will Attwood, Bryden Sisco, Natalie Freeman, Julie Ihamaki, Melanie Harju, Susan Gibbs, Faith Tse Leonard, Jacqueline Frazer, Margot Chinnery, John Salama, Peter Baugh, Grace Greatrex, Lilian Gien, Nicole Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm.

1. **INTRODUCTION** – Rachel thanked everyone for coming. It certainly is great to see such a big turnout – please come to other meetings as well. Two meetings will occur this evening: School Council and Home & School Association meeting. Why do we have 2 meetings? Every school is mandated to have a School Council, talking to all things related to the school, and we have a separate Home & School association - this is the fundraising arm, and we keep them separate so we can control the fundraising, and where the funds eventually are distributed. We have approximately 6 meetings throughout the course of the year, and they are always split into the two distinct meetings.

Rachel then introduced Kara, Alexis, Shelly and Sharon, and members of the admin team, David, Sophia and Jane, as well as our guest speaker this evening, Staff Sergeant Matthew Moyer.

MOTION	Jacqueline Frazer, Lynda Debono APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	CARRIED
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MOTION	Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, Doug McCormick APPROVAL OF THE AGM MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2014	CARRIED
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2. GUEST SPEAKER – STAFF SERGEANT MOYER – PUBLIC SAFETY

There was a very thorough discussion with Sgt. Moyer, Principal Ehrlich, and all attendees, regarding recent safety issues affecting the school, giving everyone a chance to ask questions and clarify the situations.

3. NEXT MEETING – Next meeting is Nov 27th

MOTION	Gina Fortsas, Jacqueline Frazer TO ADJOURN THE MEETING	CARRIED
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

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NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING
October 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:36pm.

1. INTRODUCTION -

MOTION	Jacqueline Frazer, Jeannie Sit APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	CARRIED
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MOTION	Gina Fortsas, Wilmar Kortleever APPROVAL OF THE AGM MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2014	CARRIED
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2. CHAIR’S REPORT – Alexis DeCastro / Rachel Chernos-Lin / Kara Pearson

Safety – we had a meeting with Metrolinx when they wanted to close Sutherland (summary in correspondence file) – they will support efforts for more crossing guards, a flag man when moving equipment, applying turning restrictions, and additional community signage. There will be a planned outage at the school on a weekend, which they will let us know about. We need to remind them of this. We now understand their process better and know there are people to contact with any concerns. They will respond if you contact them. We have a better working relationship.

PSP is running well – we could use more volunteers – call the exec team if you are available to help.

Regarding the birthday treat change, everything is going well...hallowe'en treats are allowed, as are Hallowe'en parties.

There is a new crossing guard at Sutherland and Broadway.

Regarding the school servery, there has been a complaint about candy being offered – this is part of Safe & Caring schools and has been communicated to Claude.

Fundraising – Welcome Back BBQ – thanks to Kristi Lepore for coordinating a great community event. Kristi has agreed to do it again next year. Huge thanks to all volunteers that night.

QSP – has just wrapped up. This typically generates a lot of money.

Family Fun Night– largest fundraiser of the year and the kids love it. Many parent volunteers are needed. We need someone to head it up and run it as well – Rachel and Kara are happy to support the new people. Could be one or two people – it is a fun event to run.

Playground – over the last 2 years, H&S has raised funds to replace the metal structure; the board has agreed to pay for installation...it is a partnership with TDSB and it will be installed in November. The school has purchased a climber and it is being built...we will be notified about when it will be installed.

There was a question re sand in playground: Day care staff love it because of play value it has. The day care has looked at a rubberized surface before. We are not in the market to change. We tried to get city funding through the day care, but they are not funding any playgrounds. There was a suggestion to request caretakers to sweep sand back into proper places so kids aren't slipping.

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE – David Ehrlich

The year is off to a great start – Nov 13/14 are parent/teacher interviews with formal report cards home on Nov 10 – it's a progress report – expected that all parents come to meet with their teachers.

We've had strong EQAO results reported– please come to next meeting to hear more

We have purchased ipads for Grade 3, both French and English - 5 in class – strong commitment to use. For French, programs are not properly translated...Jane is looking for good French apps. Chrome books for Grade 6 are not yet approved by TDSB – will purchase as soon as we can. The new policy around teams has worked well – some parents assisting which is great.

New house system – going slowly, but Meg and Val are involved with admin – starting mid-Nov. It is work in progress and will be phased in slowly.

The food drive was very successful.

4. HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BUDGET – Sharon Krieger

Copies of the financial statements were passed out - last year's statement and September's. We have paid out \$60K to the school...closing reserve of \$10K (prefer \$5K) so might change disbursements next year so we end closer to \$5K.

At the AGM meeting, we voted about how we do community disbursements. There are 2 groups we've been supporting: PFE and Thorncliffe Park snack program. In the past, we contributed 50/50...as revenue has grown, so has the absolute amounts of money. A decision was made to give PFE a steady amount capped at \$500 and the rest goes to Thorncliffe Park Breakfast Program (\$4430). It is now technically two schools with 2000 students. They are very appreciative and it goes to our neighbours.

We must approve the statement for the month of September. We hope to spend \$65K on school programs, if fundraising goes as planned.

MOTION Wilmar Kortleever, Jacqueline Frazer

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES CARRIED

MOTION Nicole Cooper, Doug McCormick

TO ACCEPT SEPTEMBER STATEMENTS
CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE FILE – there are several items in the file:

- Email that summed up meeting with Metrolinx
- Computer programming
- Gerry Gershon communication
- Info re a mental health and youth talk
- Info re a fundraising auction
- East York Mirror
- Brock Gordon race
- Food Drive

MOTION Gina Fortsas, Jeannie Sit
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.