

**AGM MINUTES
NORTHLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL
LIBRARY – NORTHLEA SCHOOL - 6:30PM
Monday, June 15, 2015**

Present: Alexis DeCastro, Rachel Chernos-Lin, Kara Pearson, Shelly Lowe, Sharon Krieger, Arti Panday, Nicole Cooper, Sue Gray, Julie Brown, Monika Scholte, Claudine Lukawesky, Angie Novachis-Kalentzis

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

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

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| MOTION | Arti Panday, Sharon Krieger
Approval of the School Council Agenda | CARRIED |
| MOTION | Sharon Krieger, Arti Panday
Approval of School Council Minutes, May 27, 2015 | CARRIED |

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE – DAVID EHRLICH

- Tomorrow is the staff/student baseball game and the Blue Jays mascot will be joining
- There are many yearend school trips coming up
- We will be holding the Northlea House League Pan Am games
- Graduation is next Tuesday
- Report cards – will have correspondence tomorrow about how we will support parents with getting the marks
- What are some options?
 - We cannot send out anything via email or electronically as it loses its confidentiality when it goes out electronically
 - Communication may be through phone calls versus having people line up for a session
 - We can't communicate any marks before June 22nd
 - Teachers will have typical communication with parents about progress
 - There have been questions regarding final marks for specialty/private schools – we will deal with that situation in the fall if an application requires final marks
 - All teacher reporting was done manually – there are only marks, no comments
 - At Bessborough they have a system where they log marks all year so parents can log in and see their children's progress.....have we thought of doing that at Northlea? We have not looked into it.
 - Are teachers available on June 26 to meet with parents? Teachers will meet with parents and talk about progress, but not marks. Marks will be available and we will let you know how they will be available.
- Comment about the protest for marks – these kids should be commended and David has been to the Grade 6-8 classes talking to them
- Question - Have you thought about meeting with Grade 7 students and Grade 8 teachers for next year, and talk to them about the transition and motivate them about

next year? We had a team-building activity for them last Friday, and they passed on information to the Grade 6's. We're still working out specifics for Pan Am games, and it may be a good opportunity for us to talk to them about the leadership we are looking for from them.

- Question - TDSB decided that we wouldn't have report cards, correct? Yes
- Question – How many complaints have there been about EQAO not happening? No parents, but some kids complained
- Question – is special education funding based on EQAO? This cohort will have no historical data until they are in grade 6. It's more about how many IEPs are generated in the school
- Question - How is the work action affecting writing of IEPs? It isn't affecting it now. Special Education will not be affected by this.
- Question - If there is a strike in the fall, when will a strike be communicated? They stipulate the amount of notification required.
- Question - Will the daycare close down if there is a strike? Since the building is still open and there are custodians and admin working, then they would stay open. If it did close, we would need to look for an alternate location. In the past, there has been a gradual withdrawal of services, but we may not hear anything until mid to end of August.

ANNUAL REVIEW - ALEXIS DECASTRO, RACHEL CHERNOS-LIN, KARA PEARSON

Chair Review:

At the last meeting, we discussed cutting ties with Green Communities. When we attempted to do that, they said we could be funded by the Gov't of Ontario, TDSB, Heart & Stroke and Green Communities. We met with Councillor Burnside today regarding things that need to go to council. There are a list of things they will look after with 311. They have updated our plan with things we need to focus on and the work that's been done. They have taken the lead and we are seeing progress.

We did a walk-around with Burnside and several constituent stakeholders, looking at problematic intersections....what would make it safer? For example, for the intersection of Broadway and Bessborough, recommendations have been made. There are infrastructure changes that would need to be passed. They are not major things, but a change to the intersection so would have to go to council. It will move faster if Burnside takes it up. There are quite a few recommendations about the sections of Brentcliffe between Eglinton and Broadway. We also talked about turning restrictions at school entry and exit times, so we route traffic away from the school and minimize rush hour traffic entering the school zone.

There is a program called Community Safety Zone. There is a move to make the speed limit 30km/hour. They are also looking at enforcement of the rules in place.

There is a coordinator that has been assigned to our school and she is helping coordinate these programs. She has different resources at her disposal and can share with us.

Question - Would they be putting in place the city white signs, or the yellow community signs? Likely the same traffic signs as are being put up now, will be used in this case.

Question - Any indication of time frame? No indication

Question - Any discussion on Whole Foods? More about traffic calming issues around Whole Foods.

Servery – a few weeks ago, we asked for feedback about the servery. We looked at a few options and checked it out. We were pleasantly surprised. The menu online is not really representative of the entire menu. They make wraps, soup, fruit, and it changed our minds about it. They are working on a new menu and we can customize it for Northlea. They asked for our feedback on what we'd like to see, and they said they could figure out how to do it. 30-50 kids use it per day. If there were other options and people knew about it, maybe more would use it. There is a capacity issue as well. Is there a possibility of pre-ordering? It could be done in advance, like the Lunch Lady program. We also talked about pre-buying so the kids don't need money. Then kids wouldn't need money at school and wouldn't make bad choices. Any discussion about having a milk program? A lot of schools have a program where they can order milk and it gets delivered at the right time. This is something we could look into. We are also looking into a pizza lunch program, a few times a month, as a fundraiser. We did some parent call-outs and are finding that we need to communicate what is available for purchase. Kids need to learn about balance in eating. Some of the grocery stores also do nutrition sessions at the store.

We just had another table broken in the cafeteria. We also have kids who don't know how to sort into the green bin.

Graduation update – it is taking place one week from tomorrow. There is no dance, but there will be a longer reception. Everything is on track and on budget. We will have two photo booths, using the same company as Family Fun Night. Did you take into account the \$500 for the Breakout after-party? Yes.

NEW BUSINESS – ALEXIS DECASTRO, RACHEL CHERNOS-LIN, KARA PEARSON

- Alexis presented David with a \$51488.93 cheque - the entire school greatly appreciates this funding
- We have now presented financial statements to OFHSA, so they are also aware
- There will be a few changes to our Executive Council next year
- Shelly Lowe is stepping down as Recording Secretary
- Jacqueline Frazer is also stepping down from Extra Curricular
- Gina Fortsas will no longer be on the executive council – she has had her hand in every event at Northlea
- We thank the outgoing Executive Council members and wish them well
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MOTION Julie Brown, Angie Novachis-Kalentzis
To approve new executives for School Council – only vacancy is
Recording Secretary CARRIED

MOTION Julie Brown, Angie Novachis-Kalentzis
That the present executives could waive the requirement to make a
formal motion at this meeting and can fill vacancies as we see fit
CARRIED

We will push nominations into the next meeting.

MOTION Sue Gray, Rachel Chernos-Lin
To move nominations into the next meeting CARRIED

MOTION Julie Brown, Rachel Chernos-Lin
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

**AGM MINUTES
NORTHLEA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to our H&S Association Annual General Meeting.

MOTION Arti Panday, Sharon Krieger
 Approval of Home & School Association Agenda CARRIED

MOTION Nicole Cooper, Julie Brown
 Approval of H&S Association Minutes, May 27, 2015 CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHARON KRIEGER

We reviewed the May statements at the last meeting and there is nothing to add

ANNUAL REVIEW – ALEXIS DECASTRO, RACHEL CHERNOS-LIN, KARA PEARSON

- We are looking at doing a pizza lunch
- Work is underway on the Welcome Back BBQ – Sept 17th (2nd Thursday)
- Monica Scholte is coming on to run Extra Curricular – a great addition to the team!

COMMUNITY DISBURSEMENTS

- We asked at the last meeting for some input– in the past we have donated to People for Education (\$500) and also to the Thorncliffe Snack program – an important community component to it. We wanted to open it to other ideas/suggestions.
- How is quantity of money decided? It is 7% of our disbursements. In previous years we split it 50/50 and last year we capped the PFE for \$500 and the rest to Thorncliffe Snack Program
- \$3980 this year, is what we have to disburse.

Sharon would like to put forward a motion to increase the amount for PFE. They do independent research about schools.

MOTION Julie Brown, Sharon Krieger
 To put \$750 towards PFE and the remainder going to Thorncliffe Snack
Program CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, Claudine Lukawetsky
 To nominate Monica Scholte to the H&S Executive and accept current
slates CARRIED

MOTION Sue Gray, Claudine Lukawetsky
To fill any vacancies as the executives see fit at a later date
CARRIED

There was also an ask that money allocated through fundraising is made available via a report, in the October of November timeframe.

Next meeting will be determined in the fall.

Thanks all for coming!

MOTION Angie Novachis-Kalentzis, Sharon Krieger
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.