



NORWOOD PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MINUTES: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Prepared by Carolyn Reid, Secretary

DATE: May 28, 2024

TIME: 6:15pm

LOCATION: Music Rm., Norwood Park School, 165 Terrace Dr., Hamilton

ATTENDEES:

Caitlin Evans, Principal
Julia Hayes, Vice Principal
Shannon-Leigh Chandler, Chair
Carolyn Reid, Secretary
Shauna deWolfe, Teacher Representative
Amber Yorke
Lisa Major

Stevie Kenyon
Ruby Mann

VIRTUAL ATENDEES:

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6:16pm meeting called to order by Shannon-Leigh.

WELCOME

- Land Acknowledgement.
- Approval of the April 23rd, 2024, meeting minutes; all in favour.
- Approval of agenda; all in favour.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Shannon-Leigh Chandler

- Food Days
 - Aprox. 100 pitas are being ordered each week, at \$1 profit each.
 - Lemon and Ice is still going well.
 - Next year: Tuesdays for Pita Pit with Lemon and Ice the last week of the month. Pizza will continue every Thursday.
 - Current profit is about \$200 per week from Pizza. Discussion held re. whether families would continue to purchase pizza if the price was raised; other school sell for aprox. \$2 or \$2.50 per slice. Agreed to raise price from \$1.50 per slice to \$1.75, starting in September.
- Fundraising
 - Fresh from the Farm brings in aprox. \$500 for the school; to be held again next year.
 - Scholastic book fair has been doing well over the past few days, including during grade 1 information night. Nice to do this during special events; next year to hold the bookfair during Open House in October and again during May's grade 1 information night.
 - Other fundraisers to be decided on in the Fall, including spirit wear.
- Finances
 - \$9,484 was raised this year overall.
 - Funds have been distributed per last meeting's discussions and decisions.
 - Aprox. \$4,000 remains to be allocated.
 - Discussion continued from last meeting re. workshops including Brave and Get Real, to be held early in the Fall, to establish school culture and encourage positive space. **Vote held re. spending \$3,500 on workshops: all in favour.**

EQUITY COMMITTEE: Lisa Major

- May 30th is Norwood's PRO Grant event night, *Building Bridges: How to Talk to Children about Anti-Racism*, with Professor Ardavan Eizadirad. 39 people have signed up to attend and there is still time to RSVP.
- The lending library has been successful so far, with all books about anti-racism signed out and some on a waiting list.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Caitlin Evans

- Thank you from the teachers, they much appreciate the classroom enhancements purchased by school council.
- The school has committed to using Pegasus for next year's photographs. They are on par for cost, were not a part of any known issues in the past, and sell the graduation composites at the same price as other studios; \$30 for the composite and folder, \$15 for the composite on its own.

- Class building for the Fall will begin soon: Considerations are made around learning needs, friendships and positive role models, strengths and potential, etc. Class change requests will not be accepted, as a lot of thought goes into setting the students up for success.
- Families will have access to the school staff list (on the website) and student class assignment (Parent Portal) the week of August 26th.
- Grade 8 grad trip this year is to the Science Centre and Medieval Times, in Toronto. This will not be an overnight trip. Financial assistance is available to anyone who needs it.
- The School Climate survey focuses on physical and mental health, peer relationships, belonging, and feeling safe. Grades 4-8 will complete the survey in class. Administration receives the results in the Fall and uses this information to plan for the school year.
- Norwood is Eco School and Healthy School certified. Received gold standard in Healthy School certification, thanks to the efforts of the eco club, student council, school council's use of the PRO Grant, and the equity committee.
- Thank you to school council for your efforts, contributions, and support of the Norwood community. Norwood is fortunate to have such an involved group of parents.
- Thank you for welcoming Mme Evans so warmly.
- Thank you to Mme. deWolfe for being council's teacher representative.
- Thank you to Shannon-Leigh for ongoing leadership, grace, and care.

TEACHER REPORT: Shauna deWolfe

- Thank you again, from the teachers, for the classroom enhancements funded by school council.
- May 31st is Jump Rope for Heart; wear red.
- Mama Mia trip to Sherwood was a success.
- Students were engaged in the Electra Utilities presentation.
- Gr. 1-5 playday is June 17th, rain date June 20th. Freezies are being donated by Home and School Association, for the whole school.
- Track and Field is June 11th (seniors) and 13th (juniors).
- Soccer and flag football are starting up.

HOME AND SCHOOL REPORT: Amber Yorke

- French Café planning is coming together: Volunteers are still needed; those with vulnerable sector screening are especially needed, and those without can still help. Students under 18 do not need vulnerable sector screening to participate.

ACTION ITEM: Mme. Hayes to send an email to all families, requesting VSS volunteers for French Café.

OTHER

- Thank you to Mme Hayes for her time at Norwood. We are going to miss you, and we wish you all the best at your new school!

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6:59pm meeting adjourned by Shannon-Leigh

**Next meeting: October 1st, 2024, at 6:15pm in the Norwood Park Music Room
Executive member elections will take place at this time**