

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Heather Lambert-Hillen, *Co-Chair*
Jennifer Evans, *Co-Chair*
Carolyn Reid, *Secretary*
Jim Pollock, *Treasurer*
Rene Contant, *Principal*
Chantal LaCroix, *Vice Principal*
Pamela Jean-Bokma
Angela Larson

Shannon-Leigh Chandler
Ruby Mann
Jennifer Bonner
Wendy Schilling
Janelle Gallacher
Ash Galan
Tricia Jacobs
Carla MacDonald

Susan Clarke
Tricia Voisin
Anna Kozlowski
Paula Masys-Pollock
Josie Robertson
Jelica Vlatkovic

Meeting called to order by R. Contant at 6:35 pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- R. Contant welcomed all, and everyone introduced themselves.
- R. Contant introduced Norwood's new Vice Principal, Mme. Chantel La Croix. Mme. La Croix comes to Norwood from the Sudbury Board of Education, and is experienced in the French immersion system.

COUNCIL CHANGES:

- Co-Chairperson voted in - all in favour: Heather Lambert-Hillen (all in favour)
- Co-Chairperson voted in - all in favour: Jennifer Evans
- Secretary voted in - all in favour: Carolyn Reid
- Treasurer voted in - all in favour: Jim Pollock
- This year's Voting Members are: Ash Galan, Tricia Jacobs, Jelica Vlatkovic, Shannon-Leigh Chandler, Angela Larson, Anna Kozlowski, Jennifer Bonner, Josie Robertson, Pamela Jean-Bokma, and Pauline Boulos
- We must decide on a voting quorum; should it be 10 members? Reduce or add to make quorum an uneven number?

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, R. Contant:

- Information given about staffing changes at Norwood, including new staff and occasional teachers.
- Mme. Finlay is leaving Norwood to join her family in Edmonton; we wish Mme. Finlay all the best! A casual Office Administrator will be in place until a permanent replacement is hired.
- Transportation issues - there is a shortage of bus drivers across the Board, so there will be delays in afternoon drop-off, perhaps also morning pick-up delays. Resolution is expected for mid-October. Courtesy bussing will be arranged after the shortage and delays are resolved.
- Startup activities at Norwood have been successful, including Meet-the-Teacher night and a fire-drill.
- Extra-curricular activities have/are starting up, including swim team, gr. 3-4 intramural soccer, junior and senior 3-pitch baseball.
- Students are encouraged to listen to the announcements for information about extra-curriculars, and to read the announcement board by the office.
- Direct Donation campaign will run throughout this school year, starting in October.
- There are 99 grade-1 students, therefore a class reorganization will take place; as this was anticipated in June, a classroom and an LTO teacher have already been approved.
- Thank you to our school volunteers! If anyone would like to join the volunteer team, they must have a current Police Check (valid for three years) on file at the front office, with an Offence Declaration form filled out each school year.

LUNCH FUNDRAISERS, H. Lambert-Hillen:

- Pita Pit on Concession Street offers the best profit, \$1 per Pita.
- Pita Pit has a Smoothie program that we could consider.
- Dominos Pizza is a supporter of our French Café - consider ordering lunches from them; \$7.50 for an 8 or 10-slice pizza, we sell each slices for \$2.00.
- We could charge \$5 for a 6" sub from Subway, and \$7 for a 12" sub.
- Pita Pit and Dominos Pizza were available to sample tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT, J. Bonner:

- Total School Council funds as of June 30, 2017: \$10,396.17

- Top lunchtime fundraisers in the 2016-17 year included 2 hotdog days at \$981.79, and 1 pancake day at \$917.64.
- French Café brought in \$8,146.97
- Book Fair x2 combined brought in \$5,806.50
- School Council has contributed funds for the 2017-18 year to: Popcorn for movie night, young environmental garden, Graduation, and vinyl stickers for the gym.
- Notable: PRO Family Grant (Math night), and Metro Green Apple Grant (Healthy Eating class events and cookbook)

PIC and FASLAC Updates, H. Lambert-Hillen:

- Upcoming PIC topics include transportation to French Immersion highschools.
- French Immersion boundary review will NOT take place in the next few years.
- Sherwood Secondary School is now listed as a Priority 1 for rebuild or renovation.

GENERAL:

- Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the gym, November 1-3. The partition will be used, so that classes may continue in one half of the gym while the book fair is taking place.
- Soccer posts have been ordered/delivered, they will be installed ASAP. Total cost of the posts was \$3,000.

TEACHERS WISH LIST:

- \$1,000 - Support play with purchase of script(s)
- \$1,000 - sheet music for the music room
- Classroom white boards, and small student white boards
- Alternative seating (bean bag chairs, cushions, yoga balls, etc.)
- iPads
- \$5,000 - Math manipulatives for across the grades; discussion held as to whether this should be put on hold, with the anticipated changes in math curriculum.
- Young Environmentalists Club
- Increase in donation toward Graduation, to support increase in Graduation event costs
- H. Lambert-Hillen will coordinate an online survey to determine where Council funds will be spent. The survey will go out to all Council Members signed up tonight, as well as all 2016-17 Council members who are still at Norwood this year. ***VOTE: All in favour of the survey.***

UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES:

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| • Monday, October 16 | • Monday, March 26 |
| • Tuesday, November 21 | • Tuesday, April 24 |
| • Monday, January 15 | • Monday, May 28 |
| • Tuesday, February 20 | |

ACTION ITEMS:

- Vote to establish on a voting quorum – Next School Council meeting
- Survey Monkey re. Teachers’ wish list – H. Lambert-Hillen to coordinate
- Review of Terms of Reference, Constitution to take place – Next School Council meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm by R. Contant

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, at 6:30pm, in the Music Room