

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Heather Lambert-Hillen, *Co-Chair*  
Jennifer Evans, *Co-Chair*  
Carolyn Reid, *Secretary*  
Jim Pollock, *Treasurer*  
Rene Contant, *Principal*  
Michelle Rodney, *Incoming Principal*

Chantal LaCroix, *Vice Principal*  
Pauline Boulos  
Pamela Jean-Bokma  
Angela Larson  
Shannon-Leigh Chandler  
Jennifer Bonner

Carla MacDonald  
Susan Clarke  
Tami Huffman  
Paula Masys-Pollock  
Wendy Schilling  
Jelica Vlatkovic

*Meeting called to order by H. Lambert-Hillen at 6:32 pm*  
*Agenda approved – motion by S.L. Chandler, seconded by J. Vlatkovic, all in favour*

**SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES:**

- Ash Galan is no longer a voting member, therefore bringing quorum to 9 voting members
- **The school council email address is:**
- School Council Bi-Laws will now indicate that there must be a minimum of 7 voting members, and a maximum of 19; in the case of a tied vote, the Chairperson may vote to break the tie; members may vote by proxy if they will not be in attendance for a vote.  
*VOTE: All in favour, passed.*

**GRADE 7/8 TRIP TO OTTAWA, Mme. Gordon**

- May 9-11, 2018 (HWDSB mandate does not allow for a longer trip).
- Students will stay at Algonquin College, as in previous years.
- Cost is between \$450 and \$470 per student, if approximately 70-80 students attend.
- Information night is being held tomorrow, October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Holding the grade7/8 trip in St-Donat is not a possible; cost is too high, and it is too far away for 2 nights.
- Subsidy is available for families who cannot afford the trip in whole or in part.
- Opportunity for students to fundraise is possible.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, R. Contant:**

- R. Contant introduced our incoming Principal; Welcome, Mme. Michelle Rodney Bartalos!
- Welcome to our new grade 1 teacher, Mme. Margariti!
- Mme. Lardi will now be covering grade 3 for Mme. MacLean's maternity leave; congratulations Mme. MacLean!
- M. Ouedraogo will be covering grade 7/8 for Mme. Higgins' maternity leave; congratulations Mme. Higgins!
- We welcome Mme. Todoric as our Office Administrator, joining us for 2 years while Mme. Finlay is on leave.
- Discussion was held around 2016/17 EQAO results: Norwood Park scores higher than Board and Province, in all three subjects (reading, writing, and math), in both grade 3 and grade 6. See the school's website for statistics and more information.
- A Volunteer information session is being held tomorrow, October 17<sup>th</sup>, for any new parents/family members who would like to volunteer in the school.
- Progress reports will be sent home on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> is a PD Day.
- Photo day is October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Halloween celebrations will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Costume parade from grades 1-4 will begin at 1:45, parents are invited to attend. There will be a dance for the older grades, beginning after 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break; the \$2 cost of entry will help fund graduation, and students are asked to donate canned goods for Neighbour-to-Neighbour.
- Extra-Curriculars are successfully underway.
- Direct Donation campaign will begin in November, and continue throughout the school year.

**FRENCH AT NORWOOD PARK**

- Mme. La Croix observes that the level of French at Norwood is fantastique! "It really feels like a French Immersion school. Well done students, parents, and staff!"

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

- Immunizations (Meningococcal, Hepatitis B, and HPV) will be administered to grade 7 and 8 students on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT, J. Pollock:**

- Subway lunch brought in \$343 profit
- Mme. Beattie is handling CashOnline; most sales will close 1 week prior to the event/meal.

**PIC and FASLAC Updates, H. Lambert-Hillen:**

- Upcoming PIC topics including reading specialist, School Council training, and the setup of a community hub at Sir John A. Macdonald.
- Grade 1 French Immersion applications will be accepted from October 20<sup>th</sup> until November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is primarily to gauge how many FI teachers will be needed throughout the Board. A late application increased the chance of a student being placed at an FI school outside of their catchment area. Grade 1s with a sibling at Norwood will most likely be grandfathered in, if the application is submitted before the deadline.
- FI Boundary review for Ancaster is now official.
- The grade 12 DELF exam allows students to skip entrance French exams at some colleges and universities.

**GENERAL:**

- Scholastic Bookfair will take place in the gym on November 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, including after school on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and during the PD day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Suggestion was made to include teacher wish-lists at the bookfair, so that families might purchase books for classrooms and the library.
- TCBY sales profit will go directly toward Graduation, to help offset the costs of the hall rental, DJ, ceremony, and rewards.

**TEACHERS WISH-LIST UPDATES:**

**Items removed from teacher wish-list:**

- The Young Environmentalists Club: they will be selling water bottles, expecting it to raise approx. \$500 which will go directly toward Y.E. Club initiatives.
- French Performance: Mme. Lofthouse has applied for a grant through HWDSB that would cut the cost of a French Performance coming to Norwood by \$500, therefore covering half of the initially requested amount.
- English and French plays: Request for funding toward the English and French plays has been reduced to \$500 for the Spring performance.
- Clarification – Request has been made to increase Council funding of Graduation to a total of \$2,000, from the previous \$1,500.
- Outdoor equipment: A Canada 150 Grant of \$3,000 is covering the new soccer posts, and the painting of the playground lines.
- Correction – the school still needs 4 classroom whiteboards.

**Per online survey results and tonight's votes, the following items will be purchased by School Council immediately:**

- \$900 in folding chairs for the gym/auditorium.  
*VOTE: All in favour, passed.*
- \$4,600 in math manipulatives, equals \$200 per homeroom. The school will top-up what Council gives, to meet school needs.  
*VOTE: All in favour, passed.*
- \$2,000 in standing fans for only the classrooms that do not already have working fans or air conditioning.  
*VOTE: All in favour, passed.*
- \$3,000 for a classroom set of iPads.  
*VOTE: 1 against, all others in favour, passed.*

**THANK YOU, M. CONTANT!**

- Tonight was M. Contant's final School Council meeting, before his retirement on October 31.
- H. Lambert-Hillen expressed a sincere THANK YOU to M. Contant from herself, all Council Members, and everyone at Norwood.
- M. Contant thanked everyone for a fantastic many-years at Norwood, and wished everyone well.

**CONGRATULATIONS, M. CONTANT!**

***We will miss you, and we wish you all the best in your retirement!***

**UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES:**

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Remaining teacher wish-list items not selected tonight will be revisited at a later date. Suggestion made to include some of these items when composing the fundraising letter for French Café and/or Direct Donation campaign.
- Update School Council Bi-Laws, as above.

*Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm by H. Lambert-Hillen*

**The next School Council Meeting will be held at  
6:30pm on Tuesday, November 21, in the Music Room**