

## MINUTES

*Minutes prepared by: Carolyn Reid, Co-Secretary*

### **PRESENT:**

Josie Robertson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	<i>Angeliki Margariti, Teacher</i>	Shannon-Leigh Chandler
Pauline Boulos, <i>Co-Chair and Treasurer</i>	Angela Larson	Kim Baker
Jelica Vlatkovic, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Krystal Gailing	Ruby Brar
Carolyn Reid, <i>Co-Secretary</i>	Nicole Sheehan	Amanda Brander
Jennifer Bonner, <i>Co-Secretary</i>	Wendy Schilling	
Rhonda Moules, <i>Principal</i>	Stevie Kenyon	Pam Jean- Bokma
Carly Schilthuis, <i>Teacher</i>	Miriam Griffen	

*Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm, by R. Moules for the introduction of School Councils' special guests.*

### **GUEST: Paul Denomme, HWDSB Superintendent of Student Achievement**

- R. Moules introduced Superintendent Denomme.
- Superintendents provide day-to-day support to school Principals, and ensure the Board's plan is being implemented within the schools.
- P. Denomme said he is always pleased to return to Norwood Park, and commented that he appreciated seeing all the volunteers, staff and students enjoying the Holiday Lunch.
- P. Denomme and B. Buck are invited to attend Norwood Park's French Café on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **GUEST: Becky Buck, School Trustee**

- P. Denomme introduced Trustee Buck.
- B. Buck's goal has been to get to know the Principals, schools, and school councils in her constituency.
- School Trustees are a support to school councils, parents and families.
- The Trustees' role is to govern and shape policies, hear what the constituents want, and report to the Board/Ministry of Education with the wants and needs of the school communities.

### **AIR CONDITIONING**

- J. Vlatkovic asked P. Denomme and B. Beck to address the status of Anna Kozlowski's request (letter to the Board, petition circulated through school families) for air-conditioning to be installed at Norwood Park.
- P. Denomme and B. Beck confirmed that, as previously communicated, air-conditioning for Norwood Park is not included in the Board's Master Plan, nor is it presently included in the Plan for any already-built schools. (Air-conditioning is installed in all new builds.) The Ministry of Education has put a hold on the Accommodations Review for the West Mountain schools, due to lack of funding.
- Request was made for P. Denomme and B. Beck visit Norwood Park on a hot day to appreciate the sensitivity of council's request and necessity of a cooler school environment.
- P. Denomme and B. Buck will approach the Facilities department re. providing a cooling-off room within the school.

### **MINUTES AND AGENDA**

- The minutes from the March 26, 2019 Norwood Park School Council meeting, and the Agenda for this, April 16, 2019, Norwood Park School Council meeting were approved. Passed by Pam Jean-Bokma and A. Larson.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, R. Moules:**

- Safe Arrival program: Effective April 23<sup>rd</sup>, all absences, late arrivals, and early pick-ups must be reported through the app, website, or toll-free number. Absences must be reported before 9:50am. Students arriving late must still report to the office.
- \$1,500 was raised at the school bake sale and flea market lead by Mme Lundy and her class. Proceeds are being donated to St. Joseph's Hospital and the S.P.C.A.
- Grade 1s, and 1-2 split, went to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Mohawk College Auditorium.
- Junior Basketball and Senior Swim Team are on the go throughout the Spring.
- 75 students auditioned for the talent show; 25 were accepted to perform for the school on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:10am. Some students who were not accepted for the show's programme have been asked to perform at French Café.
- Lunch Monitor appreciate lunch will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteer Appreciation Tea will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT!
- Concern raised around people driving up by, and parking by, the portables.
- Discussion held around acquiring a sign to place across no-parking areas.
- The winner of the Board-level French Speaking Contest was Mustafa M. from Norwood Park. He will repeat his speech, about truth and reconciliation, on TedTalk. CONGRATULATIONS, MUSTAFA!!

**TREASURER'S REPORT, P. Boulos:**

- No update. Status quo from the treasurer's last report in the March meeting.

**PRO-GRANT, J. Boskovic-Vlatkovic:**

- A PRO-Grant meeting was held with R. Moules, P. Denomme, and A. Brander.
- Evening with guest speaker, Jill Dennison, will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6pm or 6:30pm: J. Dennison will provide information about mental health, signs of mental health crisis, and ending the stigma around mental health. The evening will be geared toward parents of younger children and early teenagers.
- Chairpersons to speak with YMCA re. childcare during PRO-Grant evening.
- There is no fee for speaker, Jill Dennison, therefore PRO-Grant will be spent on childcare, snacks, and advertising.
- Tabled: Youth Speaks to be considered by the 2019/20 Norwood Park School Council.

**BOOKFAIR, Co-Chairpersons:**

- Funds raised by the Bookfair will be spent within grade division. Teachers will decide on items to purchase by early-May, focusing on languages and math.

**FRENCH CAFÉ, Co-Chairpersons:**

- Flyers advertising the event have been sent home.
- Some teachers have signed-up to lead activities. Thank you, teachers!
- Items are needed for the silent auction; request made for volunteers to source items.
- Anyone who makes a \$25+ donation to the event may request a tax receipt.
- Volunteers are still needed to run the activities and assist during the event.
- Hill Park Recreation Centre will be involved, running a Monopoly-type booth. They will not be coordinating or running the outdoor activities as originally understood.
- Grade 8 students, and some grade 7 students, will be servers at the café. Each student will serve for one half of the evening.
- Grade 9 students (former Norwood Park students) have been invited to volunteer during the French Café event.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- P. Denomme or B. Buck to report back to R. Moules re. a cooling-off centre within the school.
- Youth Speaks to be considered by the 2019/20 Norwood Park School Council.
- Chairpersons to speak with YMCA re. childcare during PRO-Grant evening.
- Planning and advertising for PRO-Grant evening.
- Continued planning and preparation for French Café.

*Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm by J. Vlatkovic.*

**The next School Council Meeting will be held at 6:15pm,  
on Tuesday, June 4th, in the Norwood Park Music Room**