165 Terrace Drive, Hamilton, ON L9A2Z2

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING September 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm Meeting held in the Gymnasium

MINUTES

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Reid, Secretary

PRESENT:

Lisa Major

Rhonda Moules, *Principal*Suzie Milinovich, *Vice-Principal*Angela Larson, *Co-Chair*Shannon-Leigh Chandler, *Co-Chair*Carolyn Reid, *Secretary*

Stevie Kenyon Stephanie Smith Jeanne Ino-Baptiste Paula Masys-Pollock Jim Pollock Miriam Griffin Carmen Morales Ruby Brar Heather Lambert-Hillen Tricia Jacobs

Meeting called to order by R. Moules at 6:05pm

Minutes from the 2019/06/04 Norwood Park School Council meeting will be approved during the October 22, 2019 School Council meeting; the minutes were not circulated in June, and not enough copies were available for everyone to read tonight.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, R. Moules:

- Welcome to our new Vice-Principal, Suzie Milinovich, who is with us half-time (shared with Chedoke School).
- Construction update: Phase 1 will be complete in early November, and Phase 2 (gym, music room) is scheduled to begin November 8th.
- School sports are well underway; congratulations to the slow-pitch team for their first winning game!
- 73 students will participate in the regional cross-country meet.
- Swim team try-outs are coming up soon.
- After a challenging start to the school year, all morning and afternoon school busses now have drivers!
- Parent teacher interviews will be held on November 8th and 9th.
- Introductions of Council members present, and welcome to new parents.
- Everyone who volunteers during school activities must have a current (within 3 years) Vulnerable Sector check on file with the school, as well as a current (this year) Declaration. Volunteer training must also be complete.

STAFF UPDATES, R. Moules:

Long Term Occasional (LTO) teachers for this school year:

- Gr. 2/3: B. Morgan for R. Gualtieri
- Gr. 4: N. Lardi for L. Amodeo
- Gr. 5: T. Bullard for K. Hempseed
- Gr. 6 J. McCluskey for for H. Anderson
- Gr. 6: H. Robinson is in for V. Hlahla (V. Hlahla is LTO for J. Lemmond)
- Gr. 7: F. Cyr for C. Gordon until October
- Gr. 8: M. Bozic for H. Hairston. (M. Bozic is a permanent teacher with HWDSB, covering unfilled French Immersion teaching positions) New permanent hires this year:
- L. MacMaster, primary prep
- H. Young is now full-time (a primary prep coverage teacher will be hired)
- H. Brush, Reading Specialist
- K. Martin, Gr. 6 and prep coverage)

ELECTIONS, 2019-2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

- Shannon-Leigh Chandler was elected as Co-Chair all in Favour.
- Angela Larson was elected as Co-Chair all in Favour.
- Carolyn Reid was elected as Secretary all in Favour.
- The duties of Treasurer were outlined and discussed. One parent expressed interest. Election of Treasurer to take place at the October 22, 2019 School Council meeting.

2019-2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- * The following dates and time reflect the vote held, favoured by majority, and passed at tonight's meeting:
 - School Council Meetings will be held on October 22 and November 26, 2019, and on January 14, February 25, March 24, April 28, and May 26, 2020.
 - Meetings will be held at Norwood Park School, and will commence at 6:15pm

VOTING MEMBERS

- * The following Voting Members were elected, by unanimous vote, at tonight's meeting: Lisa Major, Stephanie Smith, Paula Masys-Pollock, Miriam Griffin, Carmen Morales, Ruby Brar, Heather Lambert-Hillen, and Tricia Jacobs. NOTE: See Addendum.
 - In the case that a voting member cannot be present for a vote, they may submit their vote electronically or by proxy.
 - In order to maintain an uneven number of voting members, School Council requires one more voting member to be elected. NOTE: See Addendum.

FUNDRAISING

- The school is coordinating pizza lunches (order through CashOnline), and Lunch Lady (order through the Lunch Lady website).
- School Council will consider running Pita Pit, Subway, and/or other lunch programs; Vote to be held at the October 22 School Council
 meeting.
- Both the English and the French Scholastic bookfairs will hopefully be held in early 2020, if the school renovations allow for a space where the bookfairs can conveniently be held.
- Fresh from the Farm fundraiser: Families may purchase a large order of fruit or vegetables (or one of each), and MUST be available to pick them up on the day of delivery to the school. Fundraiser is once per year, in October. 40% of each sale is received by School Council.

 R. Moules or Council Co-Chairs will inquire about holding Fresh from the Farm pick-up during parent-teacher interviews, in November.

 VOTE HELD: Council will hold Fresh from the Farm fundraiser; 6 in favour, 1 sustained based on unknown space and date availability.

 Passed.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, H. Lambert-Hillen:

- Home and School Association will be commencing in September, 2019, and will run concurrently with School Council.
- Parents may be a member of both School Council and Home and School, and can be on the executive of both committees.
- \$20 per year per family to join; covers liability insurance and permit fees when hosting events outside of school hours.
- Will hold fundraising events, coordinate school community activities, and act as a voice between school and Board/community.
- Home and School is active toward the Ministry of Education, and is part of the Home and School Association network within the city, province and country.
- An open-house will be held in September; families and community members may attend, to learn about the Home and School Association.
- Contact Heather Lambert-Hillen for more information, and/or to join.

PRO-GRANT:

• The remainder of funds from the 2019 Pro Grant event were used to purchase reading materials supporting Mental Health. These are available from the School Council Lending Library upon request.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Minutes from the 2019/06/04 Norwood Park School Council meeting will be approved during the October 22, 2019 School Council
 meeting.
- Election of Treasurer to take place at the October 22, 2019 School Council meeting.
- Election of one Voting Member to take place at the October 22, 2019 School Council meeting.
- R. Moules or Council Co-Chairs to inquire about holding Fresh from the Farm pick-up during parent-teacher interviews, in November.
- Vote to be held at the October 22 School Council meeting. re. whether School Council will run Pita Pit and/or Subway and/or other lunch/food programs.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 by R. Moules

The next School Council Meeting will be held on October 22, 2019 at 6:15pm.

Meeting will take place at Norwood Park School, room TBA.

ADDENDUM

Addendum to the September 24, 2019 Norwood Park School Council Meeting Minutes:

Per the Ontario Ministry of Education's *School Councils: A Guide for Members*, section 5.6: "Council Chairs are voting members (of the School Council)".

Council still requires an additional voting member to be elected, to maintain an uneven number of voting members, as both Co-Chair Shannon-Leigh Chandler, and Co-Chair Angela Larson are elected voting members (therefore Council has 10 voting members).

TO BE DETERMINED: Are other members of the Executive, including Secretary and Treasurer, also voting members?