



Norwood Park School

187 Terrace Drive, Hamilton, Ontario

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 22, 2022

Time: 1817hr

Location: Norwood Park Elementary School; Music Room

In-person attendees: Ashlea Marquez, Stephanie Smith, Louise Thompson, Christian De Cloet, Lisa Major, Courtney Mitchell, Amber Yorke, Shauna DeWolfe, Stevie Kenyon, Shannon Leigh Chandler, Angela Larson, Rhonda Moules, Kim Baker, Heather Lambert Hillen

Hybrid Attendees: Jaime Farrugia, Carolyn Reid, Surya Bhusal, Darryl Chandler, Eric Larson

Special Guest(s): Donavyn Phillip Wright (School Nurse)

Regrets: N/A

Welcome to Parent Council/Brief Introductions

Land Acknowledgment:

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty. The Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt represents the treaty relationship between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Anishinaabe with respect to sharing the land and resources thereon. The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully, and sustainably in perpetuity. We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Meeting Norms as Set by HWDSB:

- Members who are joining virtually must keep their microphones muted, unless called upon to speak.
- One person speaks at a time.
- Adhering to the agenda.
- Being open to the opinions and perspectives of others without judgement.
- Always remaining respectful to others.

Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Request made to address concern over stating bylaws in previous minutes. Request made to create a committee to rewrite/update bylaws. Sign-up sheet passed around.

Request to remove this portion from minutes. Cannot be struck as the discussion happened.

Minutes Approved

Review and Approval of current agenda:

Agenda approved unanimously

Guest Speaker: School Nurse, Donavyn Phillip Wright

Wants to build a team to bring community together. Any concerns or issues pertaining to children can be addressed to the nurse. They can evaluate and address on an individual or school wide basis.

Chair Report

Bussing, known issue at our school and cannot be resolved by the school council. All bussing issues should be directed to the school, who can best inform on addressing these concerns.

Subcommittee startups. Jaime will lead the French Cafe subcommittee. Planning will begin shortly.

Grade 8 committee for commencement also to begin

All sub committees will be assigned a point person

Presentation made by Stevie for fundraising, Big Box of Cards

Motion made to vote on fundraiser, no vote. Will be brought forward at the next meeting.

Principal Report by Rhonda Moules:

Director visit was a success. Director's past was a French teacher and principal. 4 student leaders were present during the visit. Director spoke in French and had discussions in all classrooms.

P.A day this Friday

Remembrance Day assembly was held in person headed by teachers.

Fundraising update

Class Trips: RBG, Dyments

Sports teams up and running. Volleyball season is on. Request to fix the poles in the gym have been made, Facilities is on this and will repair.

Sr basketball try outs taking place.

Jr Basketball, looking for a volunteer coach

Sr annual food drive set for November 28th-Dec 16th

All school photo retakes are set for Dec 8th. Photo quality was poor.

Captial Grant for renovations awarded. Will renovate washroom, making accessible stalls and better doors. New gym floor and paint for the gym. Reallocating gym painting funds for something different as gym had been recently painted was suggested. Accessibility lift installed for stage. Following Ontario accessibility guidelines. New front doors to be installed in March. The principal has requested this work be completed over the winter break.

Question asked about painting exterior doors. Principal Moules will inquire.

Question asked about grade 8 trip to science center as well as why certain classes were not included in RBG trip. Grade 8s will all attend Science Centre trip. RBG had capacity limits and more trips will be provided.

Question about fundraising plan. Plan will be finalized with the board by January

Question asked about why fixing the floor in the gym. It is in the plan given by the grant and expanding the gym is currently not possible.

Treasurer Report:

Document shared with past and current numbers

French Cafe is a huge event raising the most funds

Final scholastic numbers have been received as a credit to the school

Request for Jr level books

Teacher wish lists are available

Proposal to ask teachers what they would like for their classrooms. A separate wish list apart from scholastics.

Current funds \$3,572.91

Teacher Report: Helen Thompson read by Mme Anderson

Holiday Concert on Tuesday December 20th Times to TBA.

It's almost that time of year Norwood! Our weeklong spirit days are the last week of December before our winter break. I have added the spirit days to our Norwood Calendar: Monday 19- Tuque Day, Tuesday 20 - Sharing assembly, Wednesday 21 - Red and Green/ Grinch Day, Thursday 22 - Holiday/Tacky Sweater Day (good day for the sing along?) Friday 23- Pajama Day and movie.

We are thinking of having a movie in the gym for the last day of school like we used to and were wondering if the parent council wanted to provide popcorn from kernels like in years past. You could mention this tonight.

Rhonda said no popcorn as there will be no movie due to not having a license.

Staff were disappointed.

Licensing costs 450\$ and they might be able to take care of it.

Chair will follow up with Principal.

Home and School Update:

HSA Liaison Heather Lambert-Hillen reports:

Inaugural board meeting was held

HWA invested in calendar

Proposal made to move P.A days to Mondays for bussing and attendance reasons. TDSB has moved them to Mondays.

9 working groups for safe schools.

Presentation made by Lacey via Ashlea

Pitch made for a community engagement event. Have guest speakers come in and talk about community engagement and knowing your school.

Questions:

Comment/question asked for SC to run fundraising and have HSA be responsible for community engagement. Keeping focus of SC to the students. Discussion around having it back on SC meeting or having a separate event. General feel of the room is to have the event run on a separate date. Involving the community and HSA. Parent/community involvement night with snacks. Motion for a vote to move forward, motion passed.

Question and Comments:

Availability of childcare made more visible

Communication for future meetings being more accessible and visible. Making it more 'user friendly'. Request was sent but with strike talks it was missed. Future communication will be accessible and clear.

Question asked about community engagement. If requested speakers are not available is there still a possibility to host the event. Yes PC has up to 1000\$ to provide speakers and community engagement events.

Dates for upcoming meetings:

Jan 17th, Feb 28th, Apr 18th all to be held at Norwood Park from 1815-1915hr

Meeting Adjourned at 1928hr

Next meeting date, time, location: January 17th at 1815hr at Norwood Park

Minutes prepared by Lacey K. Lindstrand

Norwood Park School Council Secretary

Date Approved