



## **Norwood Park School**

**187 Terrace Drive, Hamilton, Ontario**

### **School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 28, 2023

**Time:** 18:15hr

**Location:** Norwood Park Elementary School; Music Room

**In-person attendees:** Rhonda Moules, Shannon-Leigh Chandler, Angela Larson, Jamie Anderson Farrugia, Shauna Dewolfe, Kim Baker, Courtney Mitchell, Amber Yorke, Ruby Brar, Kristina Llewellyn, Christian De Cloet

**Hybrid Attendees:** Heather Lambert-Hillen

**Special Guest(s):** N/A

**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:**

January minutes approved

## **Review and Approval of current agenda:**

Call for Agenda approval, approved.

## **Principal Report by Rhonda Moules:**

The school was given a \$500 cheque from Lifetouch.

The cost for Grade 8 Commencement is \$31 and Mme Moules would like to use school funds to lower amounts down to \$20.

There has been positive feedback from our Bus Driver regarding the location change of afternoon pick up. It has been something they have been asking for, for years.

Indigenous Cultural Safety and Equity Mental Health Team have developed a staff learning model from the **On The Horizon: Moving Towards More Inclusive and Safer Classrooms** resource. This was presented to Norwood Park educators on the PA day.

As requested by the Parent Council the Teachers want wall mounts for smart boards installed in their classrooms. The cost is \$636 per room installed. \$15,000 total, Mme Moules would like to use \$5,000 from the French Café budget to have 19 rooms done.

Renovations of the school may start in June.

## **Chair Report**

Sub Day is going well – Shannon Leigh is going to look at getting footlong subs added to the menu.

We have signed up to do the Plantables fundraiser again.

Looking into doing another Spirit Wear order. There was also mention of having more spirit days for the students. There was discussion on colour particularly what shade of blue and whether we want Panthers or Norwood.

Angela mentioned having a donate/upcycle table for spirit wear at French Café so families can pass along their outgrown items for other students at the school. A question was asked how we can prioritize this for families in need.

Discussed adding a donate button to school events on school cash to give families the option to help pay for events and items for families in need. Concerns were brought up about people abusing it, which should not be a concern.

The GL Armstrong PRO grant Guest Speaker Chris Parias is set for April 27.

Proper security has been discussed and will be happening to make sure this is a safe and welcoming event for everyone.

### Committee Updates

BYLAW:

The bylaws are almost done, they have had four meetings to complete it and once it is completed it will be brought to the Council for approval.

### Home and School Update:

Home & School fundraiser – Club 54 is confirmed for April 22<sup>nd</sup> Please see one of the members of Home and School to purchase your tickets. They are \$10 a ticket with 100% of the proceeds go straight to Home and School. Looking forward to a fun and exciting evening.

### Tabled items:

Kristina Llewelyn has asked to be added to the school council agenda for the next meeting to discuss Clear Air and CO2 level monitoring.

### Dates for upcoming meetings:

April 18<sup>th</sup> to be held at Norwood Park from 1815-1915hr

Meeting Adjourned at XXXXhr

Next meeting date, time, location: April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1815hr at Norwood Park

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Smith for Jamie Anderson

Norwood Park School Council Treasurer

Date Approved