



Norwood Park School

187 Terrace Drive, Hamilton, Ontario

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2023

Time: 1805hr

Location: Norwood Park Elementary School; Music Room

In-person attendees: Angela Larson, Shannon-Leigh Chandler, Jamie Anderson, Stephanie Smith, Heather Lambert Hillen, Kristina Llewelyn, Courtney Mitchell, Amber Yorke, Christian De Cloet, Sara De Cloet, Lisa Major, Kim Baker, Stevie Kenyon, Ashlea Marquez

Hybrid Attendees: Caitlin May, T. Pochaev

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:

November minutes approved.

Review and Approval of current agenda:

Call for Agenda approval, approved; with the removal of LifeTouch guest speaker.

Principal Report by Rhonda Moules:

No teacher presence at this meeting.

Student council holding a winter art contest. Submissions due prior to Feb 13.

Afternoon bus loading area to be changed to Terrace Dr as of Jan 30th. This provides closer proximity to the office as well as less distraction for the students with the public play structure being further away.

Teachers scholastic wish lists have been filled with a small credit remaining. Teachers extend a thank you to everyone.

Term 1 report cards, Feb 17th.

Hill Park has confirmed auditorium for grade 8 commencement from 1530-1830. Celebration details to follow.

G.L Armstrong has extended an invitation to Norwood Park to join them Feb 8th 1830-1930 for a presentation on internet safety given by Paul Davis.

Proposal and planning stages for Bike BUS. For details contact administration.

Norwood will be moving away from using Touch in the future. New photographer from local company Creative Photography will be used. Full retakes of class photos to be completed March 9th. Individual retake, staff and Grad photos March 24th. Retake day, TBD in April.

Questions: concerns over relocation of PM bus pick up. Principal stated change was made in consultation with the city and signage has changed. This change is being made to keep the students closer to the gym/office for more security due to late bus arrivals. Previous talks with board to have crossing guard at Terrace Dr and Mohawk will be revisited.

Chair Report

Co-Chair discussion on allocation of PRO grant. G.L Armstrong has secured guest speaker, Chris Parias, keynote speaker on LGBTQIA2s+ community, awareness etc. Invitation to join has been extended to Norwood Park using our PRO grant to assist with fee for speaker. GL Armstrong has larger gym, better access to bus routes and is easier to reach. GL Armstrong will also help with signage and marketing if approved.

Questions; will anti hate group protection be available? Monitoring online groups for hate groups, RSVP and checkin at door. Further security will be monitored for requirement as date approaches.

Discussion surrounding possibility of using the PRO grant to host community event at Norwood Park. Due to quick timeline of application if it is not used it will be lost.

Request; future grants to be discussed well in advance and allow entire Norwood Park community to give feedback.

Question asked about COAST being made available in case of protest. Speaker gears talks towards child friendly terms.

Request; future grants have guidelines and caps for speakers.

VOTE: Vote to approve PRO Grant. 7 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain. Grant formally approved.

Subway days to begin in February twice a month on Fridays. Cash online only, for more info on cash online or to use debit card please contact administration.

Snow removal on side walks around the school is the responsibility of the city. Our care taking staff has been instrumental in keeping the blacktop and walkways clear for students.

Stephanie Smith will now Co secretary with previous secretary stepping back from the role.

Committee Updates

BYLAW;

2 meetings held and moving in the right direction. Using current Norwood Park and G.L. Armstrong bylaws as well as Education Act to complete creation of new bylaws.

Plan for fresh draft completed for April for a vote in May

FRENCH CAFÉ;

Sub committee head will soon be in contact to commence planning with an initial meeting up coming.

Plan for event to be held during education week in May.

Question regarding Covid protocol. Response; lots of outdoor events and will monitor the situation as the date approaches.

COMMENCEMENT;

2.5 classes will be moving on this year. Large group. Commencement ceremony confirmed at Hillpark. Commencement ceremony is free.

Celebration ceremony is TBD. Cost will be lowered by SC donation, school funding ect.

Survey will be sent to ask what students would like to see.

Home and School Update:

HSA Liaison Heather Lambert-Hillen reports:

Next meeting February.

HSA national has been engaged with board to support inclement weather days, with the addition of heat advisory days. More information to come from the board.

Tabled items:

School improvement plan, due end of March.

Fundraising plan submitted, copies to be made available in February meeting.

Wish list from teacher for “wanted” items (Mme Thompson) ask for a wide range of items SC can purchase on their behalf.

Dates for upcoming meetings:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 1928hr

Next meeting date, time, location: February 28th at 1815hr at Norwood Park

Minutes prepared by Ashlea Marquez

Norwood Park School Council Secretary

Date Approved