

North Preparatory Junior P.S. - School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 6:30 PM

Location: School Library

Present:

Chair: Naomi Fisher

John Barkous

Stephanie Rogers

Naomi Fisher

Judy Lalovic

Aubrey Freedman

Temitope Kentebe

Zohar Gilula

Wayne Marcus

Cindy Closner

Sally Ogren

Welcome – Naomi Fisher

Approval of October Minutes – approved

Principal's Report:

The school calendar has been added to the website. We will be forgoing the magnets this year and testing the reception of accessing the information online.

Cindy and the schools technology committee conducted a survey regarding technologies in the school to assess where everyone's strengths and weaknesses lie. There will be a "tech minute" in every staff meeting, as well as more "lunch and learns," to assist with professional development. Cindy is looking to acquire 10 chrome books (mice will also be needed), 10 mini iPads (cases will also be needed), and 30 sets of headphones (necessary for kindergarteners using Ooka Island, or similar learning programs in the classroom). An iPad to Interactive board cable was also requested. Possibility of items being donated by School Council.

School Scoop is being well received.

Vision for learning:

Language has been approved for our three-tiered areas of focus:

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- **Wellbeing:** Meaningful Connections “We will foster meaningful connections between children, parents, staff, and the wider community by using positive reinforcement to encourage self-regulation and an active lifestyle.”
- **Equity:** Student Voice “We will gather information through the collection of data that reflects student voice.”
- **Achievement:** Mathematics “We will use explicit strategies to meet the needs of all students in mathematics. Some of the strategies we will be using are: revisit previously taught math strands on a regular basis, use co-teaching and grade team partnerships throughout the year.”

Professional development session for mathematics is scheduled for next week. Co-teaching is occurring in all classes during math periods. Working together in a more intentional way with a partnership between the homeroom teacher and support teacher.

Treasurers Report:

Reviewed changes to the cash flow report. A call to improve our control around cash and cheques: notify Sally when cash and cheques are being dropped off. Sally will make a list of deposit procedures for all on the council.

Financial plan was submitted by Sally to the TDSB.

Ward meeting report:

John provided an update from the Ward Meeting.

Discussion of online payments so as not to pay HST (rebate). Other schools are currently piloting the program.

School Clubs Update:

Extracurricular activities/ Primary sports club – there are several proposed activities for the future of after-school programs. Possibility of surveying the parents to see what they are most interested in for their children. Looking for January introductions as well as a plan for next year.

Feedback on Mathletics and Ooka Island:

Overall parents/ teachers are happy.

Website:

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Drive more traffic to the website. Teachers and principal letters/ calendars are there.

Home page – include activities/ events that are current and upcoming.

***Send email to parents regarding the Mathletics and Ooka Island as a reminder to continue learning at home.**

Fundraising:

Pot luck has been cancelled – a separate event will take place in the spring

Winter concert/ t-shirt sale/ silent auction – December 15th (email reminder to parents about concert, what will be there, and provide information about silent auctions)

Book and Bake Sale on a Friday – December 9th (Naomi & Aubrey)

Reviewing new fundraising opportunities such as: Acorn/ Menschies (last Friday of every month)/ Metropolitan ice cream/ Kernels

Next meeting Agenda:

- Chocolate milk

Next Month will be paper free - Naomi will send an email containing all the documents for easy access, we will display this on the Interactive board. Please bring your phone or laptop as well so you can see the information.

Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting: December 21, 2016 6:30pm