

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

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30 PM

Location: Library

**Present:**

Cindy Closner	Laura Ovesia
Aubrey Freedman	John Barkous
Steph Rogers	Judy Lalovic
Zohar Gilula	Ellie Bakerman
Jill Rosen	

**Metrolinx:**

Eglinton Crosstown LRT - More closures expected on Eglinton later this spring. PDF being sent via email.

**Principal's Report:**

Principal Closner provided updates on -

Well-Being: "Without Walls Wednesday" where students will be spending an extra five minutes outside is continuing. Providing more time outdoors improves mental health.

Calming bins have been replenished recently. They are proving successful in many classrooms.

A therapy dog came to the Grade 1 classes and the children read to the dog. This program was well received.

Equity: "Bricks of Belonging" students have written on each of the "bricks" and they are displayed in the school.

Students are brainstorming hallway names for the school. Students will vote on the names and they will be featured in other languages.

A new welcome sign featuring six different languages will be featured in the school entrance.

Achievement: All students were able to listen to an author who came to visit the school recently.

"Problem of the Week" is still going strong. Students work out the problem, presented by Ms. Closner, in their classrooms.

Many of the North Prep staff have signed on to do an online course through Stanford University on "How to Teach Mathematics". This focuses on the importance of making mistakes and how this is what fosters deep learning. The goal is to eliminate the fears and anxieties many students have around testing and the fear of failure.

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**Treasurer's Report:**

Sally emailed the treasurers report.

**Partnering for Learning:**

Final meeting:

Discovery – March 27<sup>th</sup> 2 pm – 5 pm

**Potential Parental Involvement:**

School Council reminders to be featured at the monthly assemblies. Cindy will remind parents, staff, and students about upcoming Council events and activities at the assembly.

**Scheduled Fundraisers:**

Dance-a-Thon: Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Book & Bake Sale: Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 3-5 pm

Fun Fair 2018: Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 3:00 – 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Future Dates: Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**