

**School Council Meeting Minutes (FINAL)
North Preparatory Junior P.S.**

**Tuesday January 12, 2016
Location: School Library**

Present: John Bakous, Stephanie Rogers, Ellie Bakerman, Naomi Fisher, Becky Ayers, Anna Tikkanan, Jill Rosen, Laura Ovesia, Dasantila Kotra, Zohar Gilula, Temitope Kentebe, Mary Zervas, Minh Quach, Judy Labovic, Fion Siew

Welcome – John Bakous, Chair

Approval of minutes from December 10th Meeting - Approved

Principal Reports, Mary Zervas:

APS Child Care Update:

The project to renovate rooms B8 & B9 to house the pre-school room for the child care started yesterday. It's expected to be completed by the end of February.

Room B3 is expected to be ready for the school to move in after March Break.

Currently the daycare door is closed off.. Exit 4 will replace during renovation from 7:30-9 & 3-6 p.m.

Report Cards and Interviews

Report cards for JK and grade 1-6 students will be sent home February 10th. Parents with children in SK will have an opportunity to meet with the teacher to discuss progress. All parents will have the opportunity to meet with the teacher to discuss progress.

IT Update

20 Chrome books have been ordered.

Coding : Mr. Quach is teaching the kids coding. All classes are learning during the school day except for the 2/3 & 3 class. Mr. Quach is offering a Coding club at lunch on Wednesdays for just those 2 classes. Those kids will have to sign up. It will run for 7 weeks until March Break.

They will eventually learn Coding with Scratch and create their own games. Every student who wants the opportunity to code can have it. Once we have the 20 chrome books it will be easy to accommodate more students.

Council will purchase HDMI cables for school. Approx. \$30 + tax Council approved.

Math Online Resources

There are numerous math online programs and resources and they are geared to different age groups.

It's different than the online leveled reading program as some seem more suited to primary children, while others to older students. As such, teachers will have opportunities to try the various programs and to select one or two that they will work with their students. Mary has worked with the Math Instructional Leader and have come up with the best 2-3 math online programs that parents can use at home. Mary will share these in a newsletter.

- Excel math & Math prodigy are free to a certain point – math manipulatives
- Turtlediary.com (jk-grade5): watch a video, ex. Rounding, then there is a quiz / worksheets
- Kahn academy

Extra Curricular:

- Green Club, 1-6
- Choir, 1-6
- Primary sports club
- Junior boys sports club
- Junior girls sports club
- Math club

- Badminton club, starts in March
- Art Club, 4-6
- Cross Country - done
- Basketball - done
- Volleyball – done
- Forms should be sent to all primary students to give to parents so that parents are aware of sign-up. Although it uses paper, it's worth it. **ACTION: change practice.**

FOS Activities:

- FOS Speech Competition (Junior Students)
- Spelling Bee of Canada (Gr. 1-6) – Registration now open.
- Math Summit (Gr. 4 & 5): The teachers select only 3 or 4 students. Selection is based on a set of criteria.

Treasurer's Report, Ellie Bakerman:

Balance sheet – what we have & commitments

Current Assets are just under 16,000. Currently we have spent all 16,000. We cannot commit to anything additional unless we raise money.

Science Enrichment Program– Dasantila Kotra:

Let's Talk Science – the LTS Flyer handed was passed around. Teachers have to book individually. Mary told the teachers about it. Teachers wrote a letter asking for us to reconsider not hiring Scientists in the School (SS) for 2015/2016. Council will revisit SS at the next meeting (Feb 4) Council is respectful of teacher's request. In the meantime, can staff members pursue LTS while we consider our funding (SS = approx. \$2000) Treasurer suggested teachers consider paying from the field trip budget. We can also consider asking the parents to fund SS.

ACTION: Council has approved flexibility with field trip funds meaning teachers can use some of the field trip \$ to bring in this program.

Committee Updates:

Pizza lunch Committee – Chair: Anna Tikkanen:

Anna will send home a form for pizza, Feb-June. School will have Pizza twice a month and also at the Dance-a-Thon. Discussions about Hot Dog lunches revisited from the previous meeting as some members were not present at the December meeting. Discussion around whether or not to eliminate – nothing was resolved but currently the flyer will be for Pizza.

Fall Pledge Committee – Chair: Lakshmi Kotra:

Revised form has been sent to the Superintendent.

ACTION: Consider timing of distribution for 2015/2016

Dance-A-Thon Committee – Chair: Jill Rosen:

Half day was less expensive and we are moving forward with the half-day. BOLD productions will DJ for \$450. We will roll in another pizza lunch at the Dance-a-Thon. Most of the DJs are offering the photo booths. Jill has found a sponsor, Stage Coach who will pay for the booth. They will let us know whether they will pay all or half. Put the info in the forms so parents can pay in advance. Use tickets. Take pictures together. The booth will be a learning experience for North Prep. There is a lot to consider. Jill will email around a final draft of the flyer. DJ – 9:15-11:30 Thursday February 11th.

Schedule for the day:

9:15-9:45 gd. 1 & gr. 1/2

9:45-10:15 gd. 2/3 & 3

10:15-10:45: KNG

10:45-11:30: Gd. 4,5,6

By-law Committee – Chair: Jill Rosen

First draft of By-Laws were having a quick first-pass review (to ensure accuracy re: school specifics)

by Chairs and Mary prior to distribution to Council for official review/approval.

Jill to revise section about Principal kicking off and driving the election process to reflect establishing a 'third party' (impartial) election committee instead to drive the process. Jill also to make sure it's clear in the By-Laws the number needed to make Quorum.

Once above edits are approved, full Council will need to sign off on By-Laws and they will then be distributed/posted so they are accessible to whole community.

T-shirts – Naomi

Deferred to February 4th meeting

Jerseys - Anna

Parent Class Representative Co-ordinator/Student Directory – Chair: Dasantila Kotra

Discussion regarding whether it is worthwhile to collect this information so late in the school year.

ACTION: Deferred to 2016/2017 school year. Form will be sent home with the School Council September package the council is planning to distribute.

Bingo Night – Chair: John Bakous

Everything moving along, permit has been requested.

Enrichment Committee – Chair: Naomi Fisher

BHM: Joy Lapis, steel drum. Assembly: Feb 3rd @ 9:15 \$325

Fun Fair – Co-Chairs: Jill Rosen & Becky Ayers

Tips from past committee members were given to Becky & Jill. Fion, Paula & Ellie are available to help mentor Jill & Becky.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: February 4, 2016