

# School Council Meeting

## Final Minutes

April 16, 2015

Members Present – Ken Scriver, Fion Siew, Ellie Bakerman, Mary Zervas, John Bakous, Zohar Gilula, Vini Zetea, Paula Amaral,

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decisions/Action Taken</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
<i>Welcome and Introductions and Word From Chair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Welcomes everyone</li> </ul>	John Bakous
<i>Minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John makes motion to accept minutes from last meeting, Ellie seconds, everyone approves</li> </ul>	John Bakous
<i>Chair's Report</i>	<p><b>DANCEATHON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised \$2,800, expenses \$600</li> <li>• Hot dogs \$330.84</li> </ul> <p><b>SCHOOL DONATIONS "FALL" PLEDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not have Fall Pledge</li> </ul> <p><b>BINGO NIGHT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are not under audit. It is only an eligibility review that takes place every two years.</li> <li>• Ellie is asking for additional paperwork and requires it for records</li> </ul>	John Bakous

	<p><b>FUN FAIR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Jamie for David Batori for donation of first 500 ice cream cones which is income of \$1000 for North Prep</li> <li>• Start permit process with TDSB</li> <li>• Need meeting to discuss rides etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Principal's Report</i></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL ORGANIZATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In March Board gives a projected enrollment using statistics, real estate trends etc</li> <li>• Within next few weeks school looks at school organization</li> <li>• Board cut a teacher based on predicted enrollment of students. Mary requested an additional teacher due to new students from a new building.</li> <li>• Classes in the primary grades have to stay at 20, kindergarten can have up to 30, grades 4 to 6 can have an average of 26 students.</li> <li>• We have been allotted 2 kindergarten, 4 primary and 3 junior teachers</li> <li>• Best model has most straight grades, fewer combined classes, Straight grade 1, 3 and 6, Combined 1/2, 2/3, 4/5</li> <li>• Classes will change based on actual enrollment</li> <li>• Forms are sent to parents and they can let school know if they are leaving</li> <li>• Teacher hiring starts Monday so teachers can apply to teach elsewhere. After early</li> </ul>	<p>Mary Zervas</p>

	<p>June they cannot switch schools but they can still take on other opportunities. As a result teacher assignments are not complete until all hiring has taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally, at end of year the room number is released to parents. Sometimes due to enrollment changes class rooms and teachers have to be changed. This year the report card will only have the grade the student is promoted to but not the class room assignment. Rooms will be posted on doors at the beginning of the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Prep has two lock down drills, one in Fall and one in April</li> <li>• Three fire drills for the spring session</li> <li>• April is bully awareness month so there will be a focus on this in the classrooms</li> <li>• School participated in Pink Day</li> <li>• April 24 at 12:45 there is a Magic Show</li> </ul> <p><b>SPRING CONCERT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 14 at 6:30</li> </ul> <p><b>EQAO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 25-June 4</li> <li>• All year the curriculum is connected to what is tested</li> </ul>	
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	<p>on EQAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests on all that has been learned up until grade 3 and grade 6</li> <li>• Intensive program has been prepared and EQAO Intervention starts in April and ends at the start of EQAO</li> <li>• Students are separated into smaller group and teacher is assigned to each group. Teacher works with each group to help them answer the questions as presented in the test i.e. terminology, format, assessment rules</li> <li>• Student and classes get score in September</li> <li>• EQAO is used to test how well students are learning the curriculum</li> <li>• There are also after school programs to help with EQAO</li> </ul> <p><b>EXTRA CURRICULAR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School participated in Speech competition with 11 students participating. Hana Mateo went to represent North Prep and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.</li> <li>• Math Olympics is for grade 5 students and there was a team from North Prep</li> <li>• Spelling Bee competition had 25 students from grades 1-6. Adele P won 1<sup>st</sup> place in family of schools and is going to the nationals</li> <li>• Volleyball Junior Girls team focussed on skill development</li> <li>• Basketball is also taking place</li> <li>• Soccer tryouts took place and the meet is on May 12 for grades 4-6</li> </ul>	
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<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total assets \$12,922.39</li> <li>• Checking account has \$8,820.70 because field trips have taken place, SIITS, interactive boards have been paid</li> <li>• Money from Dance-A-Thon is in North Prep credit and has to be transferred to chequing account</li> <li>• Pizza Nova credit has been used today for Pizza Lunch</li> <li>• After paying everything we have committed to we will have approximately \$5,000 for the Fun Fair</li> <li>• The higher than anticipated cost for the Interactive white boards is because the taxes were not included in original estimates and additional ipads had to be added to the order.</li> </ul>	Ellie Bakerman
<i>Next Meeting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 21, 2015</li> </ul>	
<i>Adjournment</i>	8:30	