**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Monday, May 14, 2018, 6:30pm

1. **Attendees at School Council meeting**

Henry Turner, NNHS Principal & Co-Chair

Jenny Chou, parent representative & Co-Chair

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Debbie Dashoff, parent representative

Michele Leong, faculty representative

Alicia Matos, parent representative

Valerie Pontiff, PTSO representative

Marcia Tabenken, parent representative

Kathryn Teissier du Cros, faculty representative

Jeanne White, community representative

Christiaan Johnson-Green, Gabe Kotsonis,, Maya Gomberg, Joanna Mandinova, Karen Cutone, and Nancy Decoteau were not present

1. **Acceptance of Minutes**
2. **SC candidates visit** – Jessica Gilmartin and Rachael McCarthy
3. **Updates**

PTSO: Elections for SC parent member; EdEx wrapped up with $13K raised for Center for Social and Civic Engagement; Celebration in process – need volunteers, need $ (raised $6K already) prom is June 4.

Principal: GELF dinner raised $55K; Chem Health committee in final rounds of draft policy will present to SC at June meeting; hiring season with goal of increasing faculty diversity; scheduling committee to present to school committee in December. Karen Cutone will be next parent co-chair of SC for SY 18-19.

Traffic: June 12 meeting at North with Ward 2 city council, traffic city staff, police, NSHS school council. Want traffic study unclear how to achieve, starting with meeting, goal to get city look into have input from North.

SFA joint meeting: Main Street project; no HW weekend for seniors; change in gambling rules to allow for certain games with permission; discussed traffic statement.

1. **Refining SC Role**

Last 2 years Principal learning about school/community – establish social and civic engagement as focus. Last school improvement plan (SIP) focused on closing achievement gap so 2018 moving forward with what that means. Chair of math department Jen drafting SIP, ideas for big picture and will bring to SC in June with details. Discussion/questions raised regarding SC role in drafting SIP. Principal sees role as sounding board for things happening in school (e.g. Growth mindset), climate issues, schedule/start time etc. only group that consists of teachers, parents, students. Questions re: SIP – working on student connectedness, start time/scheduling, social/emotional learning, anti-bias learning, address inequities.