**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Ninthth meeting Tuesday May 31, 2016, 6:00pm

1. **Attendees at School Council meeting**

Mark Aronson, NNHS Interim Principal & Co-Chair

Jean Wood, parent representative & Co-Chair

Kathy Baron, parent representative

David Bedar, teacher representative

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Albert Cho, teacher representative

Jenny Chou, parent representative

Rex Clark, PTSO Representative

Laura Holt, parent representative

Max Kozlov, student representative

Vicki Ritterband, alternate parent representative

Bev Spencer, community representative

Irene Wu, student representative

Jeff Zabel, parent representative

Albert Cho, Joanna Mandinova and Max Kozlov did not attend the meeting.

Henry Turner, NNHS’ new principal, also attended the meeting as well as new SC members who will begin their term in September 2016. They included: Karen Cutone, Alicia Matos and Anping Shen (alternate).

1. **Acceptance of minutes from May 2 meeting**

A motion was proposed and seconded to accept the minutes of the May 2 meeting. The minutes were then passed by unanimous vote. These minutes will be posted on the School Council website.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

1. **Review of School Council 2015/2016 activities**

To update Principal Turner, Kathy Baron provided a brief review of the work that was done by SC concerning growth mindset. (A complete description can be found in the minutes to the May 2 meeting.) Jeff Zabel described how SC sponsored a forum for the community to learn about beginning school at a later time.

1. **Discussion of Possible Topics for Next Year—Cultural Competence?**

Principal Aronson began the discussion about a recent email that he sent to the NNHS community about cultural competency. Principal Turner followed up with his thoughts about coming into a new school and using his initial period as a “time of reflection”. Understanding cultural differences is not a one year plan, he said. He plans to conduct several surveys to learn more about the school. The results of the surveys, which he will review over the summer months, will help decide a topic for SC next year. Results will be shared with SC members and several members volunteered to assist Principal Turner to examine survey results.

1. **PTSO update**

The big year end activity that is underway is Celebration, the post prom party for seniors.

**6.** **Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM