**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Monday, April 3, 2017, 6:30pm

1. **Attendees at School Council meeting**

Henry Turner, NNHS Principal & Co-Chair

Jenny Chou, parent representative & Co-Chair

Kathy Baron, parent representative

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Tessa Bridge, faculty representative

Karen Cutone, parent representative

Izzy Elgart, student representative

Maya Gomberg, student representative

Michele Leong, faculty representative

Joanna Mandinova, student representative

Jeff Zabel, parent representative

Nancy Decoteau, Rex Clark, Anping Shen, Jeanne White and Irene Wu were not present.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

1. **PTSO Update**

Three possible game tables donated for student space. EdEx still open for folks to donate $. Upcoming events: faculty talent show, student talent show, Asian culture night. Celebration will need volunteers – stay tuned for more info on how to help. Other requests for $ (e.g. pottery wheel) need dues paid at start of year in order to support. SC elections for open parent seats will be held in April/May with candidates to be invited to May mtg. Last PTSO meeting may be held in library to showcase work of staff in light of budget cuts.

1. **Principal’s Update**

Budget: Cuts may include .6 FTE library, two or more .1FTE teaching – based on student course selections. May have some impact on class sizes in H and Jr/Sr classes and limit newer options. Day and Bigelow enrollment increasing.

Schedule: Committee of North/South reps to meet monthly – twice before end of year. Every other month will have feedback from community. Framework is 8:30 -3 school day as guideline. Implementation goal of SY 19-20, end of SY 17-18 some concrete proposals.

Core work: SEL, academic learning moving into more performance based incorporating collaboration and creativity, social/civic expectations.

1. **Social and Civic Expectations**

Discussed possible work for SC – Tedtalk organized event open to community, unconference smaller – tied to social and civic expectations themes.

1. **Survey Overview**

Principal and Tessa Bridge presented results (handouts) of Technology survey and Travel survey given to NNHS students – Technology given 2/17 9th-11th graders in math classes; Travel given 10-12th graders in World language and spec ed classes. Travel looking at who goes who doesn’t and reasons. Technology looking at points of inequality, skills students have or should have, access and use – district may be moving into increasing technology for students which will have implications around digital social/civic expectations, opportunities for increased courses, curriculum/policy changes.

1. **Next meeting**

May 1, 2017 6:30 pm Room 103 – SC candidates will be invited.