**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Monday, February 5, 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

Karen Cutone, parent representative

Debbie Dashoff, parent representative

Nancy Decoteau, faculty representative

Maya Gomberg, student representative

Michele Leong, faculty representative

Joanna Mandilova, student representative

Alicia Matos, parent representative

Valerie Pontiff, PTSO representative

Marcia Tabenken, parent representative

Jeanne White, community representative

Christiaan Johnson-Green, Gabe Kotsonis, and Kathryn Teissier du Cros were not present

Visitors: Alicia Bowman, reporter from the Newtonite

1. **Acceptance of Minutes**
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
3. **Updates**

Principal: SFA planning two student areas on Main Street to open after Feb vacation. Establishing culture for space, library to be used for work vs. hang out space. HS schedule group has visited other HS to see configurations, discuss experiences – high priority areas are social emotional health issues and teacher values similar to what working group is hearing. No real consensus from teacher/student surveys. Next to present to faculty, engage parents, sketch schedule for presentation. Discussed incident – fire in bathroom.

PTSO: Tigertalks $ aim to last for few years so not granting all. EdEx campaign is for Center for Civic Engagement & Service – video for how students benefit. Celebration planning beginning – need for volunteers. Just Think Expo 1/18. Next – 2/13 ecig and vaping + making the most of HS years; 3/22 Multicultural Night all included.

1. **SC work for 17-18 SY**

School Code and Traffic likely should end up being working groups moving forward for next SY. School Code – committee to start seeking members, end of this SY evaluating policy to be worked on next SY.

Traffic issues: Guest Alicia Bowman (city transportation advisory group, Bike Newton) with Sally/Valerie introduced range of safety issues for pedestrians/bikers/drivers – volume and speed, congestion leading to safety issues, timing on buses getting to North – specific differences in what North and South face. City likely ready to move forward with school transportation policy but many constituents/opinions will need to be balanced – likely there will be pushback in achieving balance between car centric/convenience vs health benefits (exercise, environment etc). Many years of work citywide – perimeter streets around North belong to city, road design/infrastructure needs to take into account student patterns of walking/biking/driving/being driven, transportation study? Equity issues?

SC involvement – is this something SC should focus on and/or how to be representative given need to balance. Ideas for working citywide – how to arrive at common goals for NNHS? Small group (Marcia, Jeanne, Sally, Valerie, Michele, Joanna) to draft statement to be reviewed by SC in March for possible submission to citywide bod(ies). Statement to state concerns with further discussion about where/whom to present or submit.

1. **Next meeting**

Please note: \*\***April 11, 2018 (Wednesday)** **Meeting with SFA 7-8 am**