**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Monday, February 6, 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

Rex Clark, PTSO representative

Karen Cutone, parent representative

Nancy Decoteau, faculty representative

Maya Gomberg, student representative

Joanna Mandinova, student representative

Anping Shen, alternate parent representative

Jeanne White, community representative

Irene Wu, student representative

Jeff Zabel, parent representative

Izzy Elgart, Michele Leong and Alicia Matos were not present.

1. **Acceptance of minutes from January 9, 2017 meeting**
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

1. **Newton Late Start Update**

Jeff attended School Committee meeting, read SC statement as well as own statement. Survey feedback was mixed plurality around 8:30 start time. Next meeting 2/13 School Committee may or may not vote. North/South principals looking at issues: 990, end of day consistent between schools, possible changes to overall scheduling, collective bargaining, impact on homework etc. probably requires 2 years to consider planning.

1. **PTSO Update**

2/13 Making the Most of HS Years.

1. **Principal’s Update**

Discussed 2/6 letter to North community regarding incidents at school of intolerance.

Discussion of technology assessment for HS – 6 students/1 device. Not enough chromebooks but all teachers very positive regarding use. Exploring ideas of funding more chromebooks, or have one device/student as other districts. Cost of course large factor in challenging budget year. Additional issues of student distractibility.

7. **Social and Civic Expectations Plan – faculty feedback and parent engagement**

Social and Civic expectations on par with academic expectations (as important as). How to consider ways to be proactive with community around this concept. Norms vs Rules – are there behaviors to consistently reinforce for social/civic behaviors. Issues raised: Leadership class curriculum expanded to include more students or some portion be mandatory. Can there be some portion included in health curriculum or a fuller 9th grade orientation. Tradeoff/balance with other electives.

8. **Next meeting**

March 8, 2017 7:30 am with SFA