

NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

6th meeting Monday February 3rd, 2014

7pm Room 103

1. Attendees of School Council members

Jen Price, NNHS Principal & Co-Chair
Maxwell Kozlov, student representative
Chris Alberg, teacher representative
Bev Spencer, community representative
Irene Golden, student representative (late; 2nd half)
Sonya Jampel, student representative
Melissa Hanenberger, teacher representative
Patricia Muumba, student representative
Jean Wood, parent representative
Jackie Gelb, parent representative
Lynne LeBlanc, PTSO representative

2. Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting - Monday January 6th, 2014

The motion was proposed & seconded & the minutes were passed by unanimous vote. These minutes will be posted on the School Council website – action discharged.

3. Opportunity for public comment

Email sent to Jen Price from Barry Hoffman, a parent. Communications survey was posted on website, but a follow-up was never posted; changes never summarized. Jen Price would need to write a communique to respond to Hoffman. Survey results already on Powerpoint. Complaint about School Improvement Plan: the school has had one goal per year, and we adopted a multi-year goal so we can delve deeper into accomplishing it.

Action: Jen Price to respond to Hoffman about School Improvement Plan.

Action: Jackie and Jen Price will work on the communique and publish them. Accomplished during meeting. Action discharged.

4. T² program

Presentation of concept funding paper - Jen

Jen Price sent out the Concept Paper. Read through the paper. We need an introduction letter (a little summary) in order to send it out to the foundations we want to. Working on introduction letter during meeting.

Action: Max and Jackie to create an introduction letter during meeting, and Jen Price will make edits to it.

Review of Foundations - Lynne, Sally, Jean, and Laura

The Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation - a possible funding source. Jo gave all local family foundations. Once the introductory letter is complete, we can send it out to all of them. Break off into groups. Looking at the foundations during meeting.

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Action: These actions are ongoing & individuals will report back to SC with any relevant information. The concept paper once finalized can be used to get feedback from foundations & also as means to support our funding requests.

Mentoring recruitment - Final

Melissa: 28 mentors, 30 mentees. 2 mentors will be working with siblings. Application asked if first generation. 83% are first-generation to go to college in the US. 4 in METCO, 8 in ELL/FLEP. 7 in DLS. 4 live with other than the biological parents, and 16 live with a single parent or guardian. Calendar put together to keep track of what's going on. Every single student is applying to college. Update the Concept Guide with aforementioned data.

College information sheets

On hold until next meeting. (Jo has all information)

Appreciation Breakfast - Jen

Breakfast for all people who wrote the guide or translated the guide; thanks everyone with the food and many gifts.

5. Update - College Planning Guide

Progress of translation

All done.

Action - discharged.

Advertising in 2014/2015 edition

MEFA not interested. PTSO donations will go into funding the the College Planning Guide next year. College Planning Guide: revisions will be done.

6. Update on Staff tending ideas

Jo is working closely with staff.

Action: Jo to identify staff photographs to names, import into the pdf & identify which staff photos are missing.

7. Update of PTSO business to School Council

Upcoming event of specific note is the 4th Just think: Teens Making Smart Choices Expo on February 4th from 5pm to 7:30pm. This is specifically held on the same evening, just a little earlier, as the Junior Parents Night to encourage more attendance. Sally & Lynne requested support from SC members to spread the word about this event.

In addition, on February 6th there is a Superintendent coffee held from 8am to 9am in the International Café at NNHS.

8. AOB & Next meeting date

Communications survey communiqué.

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Action: See public comment.

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Being revealed tomorrow tonight at Junior Parent Night. Launching on February 12 once all of the guidance counselors are trained.

The next meeting of the NNHS School Council is on Wednesday March 5th at 7am.