**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Seventh meeting Monday April 11, 2016, 6:30pm

1. **Attendees at School Council meeting**

Mark Aronson, NNHS Interim Principal & Co-Chair

Jean Wood, parent representative & Co-Chair

Kathy Baron, parent representative

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Albert Cho, teacher representative

Jenny Chou, parent representative

Laura Holt, parent representative

Joanna Mandinova, student representative

Vicki Ritterband, alternate parent representative

Irene Wu, student representative

Jeff Zabel, parent representative

Bev Spencer, David Bedar, Laura Holt, Liam Macintyre, Max Kozlov, Rex Clark and Vicki Ritterband did not attend the meeting. The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, April 4 but was postponed for one week due to snow.

1. **Acceptance of minutes from last two meetings – February 2016 and March 2016**

A motion was proposed and seconded to accept the minutes of the last two meetings. 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.

**4. Update from Principal Aronson**

Principal Aronson took some time to discuss recent events at some of the Newton Public Schools (including Newton North) regarding diversity and inclusion. Inappropriate chants were made at a recent NNHS basketball game that received widespread coverage. There has also been graffiti found on school walls. After a discussion with SC where several ideas were raised about how NNHS might address cultural diversity and inclusion, SC thought that this may be an appropriate topic for SC to take on during the next school year. Part of the next SC meeting will be devoted to discussion this topic with the goal of arriving at some specifics that could be discussed at the last SC meeting where the new principal is hoping to attend.

**5. Recap of SC/SFA Growth Mindset Discussion—Kathy Baron**

The last SC meeting was a joint meeting with SFA. Students discussed how growth mindset is or is not being implemented in the classrooms. A fuller discussion is found in the minutes to the March meeting.

**6. Teacher Discussion on Growth Mindset** - **Kathy Baron**

The SC talked about ways to learn from teachers how they implement a growth mindset perspective into their classrooms. Albert Cho agreed to ask teacher(s) from each department a select number of questions. He will report back at the May meeting.

**7. PTSO Activities**

180 Chrome Books arrived and are already in service. Teachers on the SC indicated how grateful they are for these additional computers.

Operation Bold Paint—May 1

“Celebration”. A campaign is underway to raise $15,000 for the post prom party celebration.

School Council elections. Two parent/guardian reps and one parent/guardian alternate will need to be replaced on SC. PTSO will publicize these upcoming vacancies and hold an election, if needed.

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

The last School Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 30 which is Memorial Day. SC agreed to move the ***last meeting to Tuesday, May 31.***

Next School Council meeting:

Monday, May 2, 2016

6:30PM in Room 103

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM