**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Monday, September 12, 2016, 6:30pm

1. **Attendees at School Council meeting**

Henry Turner, NNHS Principal & Co-Chair

Jenny Chou, parent representative & Co-Chair

Kathy Baron, parent representative

David Bedar, teacher representative

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Rex Clark, PTSO Representative

Karen Cutone, parent 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

Albert Cho, Alicia Matos and Rose Elgart were not present for the meeting.

1. **Acceptance of minutes from May 31 meeting**

A motion was proposed and seconded to accept the minutes of the May 31 meeting. The minutes were passed by unanimous vote. These minutes will be posted on the School Council website.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

1. **Principal’s Update**

There will be a number of gender neutral bathrooms available throughout the school – almost completed. Skyward challenges. Principal Turner gave an overview/highlights of his speech opening the SY. What is going well at NNHS, where do we wish to grow as a school, what does a school look like that supports the unique identities of all students?

1. **Principal’s Survey**

529 respondents. Presented initial wordles. Discussion regarding ideas of how to get at learning and community together– involve concepts of empathy, inclusion, what connects vs what divides. Be mindful of how to create lasting vs one shot programs.

1. **Topics for the School Year**

Starting next meeting will start to look at results of survey and utilizing these as the basis for areas to focus for building the school community.

1. **Late Start Update**

Jeff Zabel updated SC on the HSST Working Group year end presentation made on June 20. A written summary was provided, all information on HSST working group’s web site. The working group has proposed 5 possible late start scenarios, which will be the focus of a series of community meetings to be scheduled. Likely SC will be asked to help with convening a community meeting with the goal of disseminating the information as widely as possible.

1. **PTSO Update**

The NNHS Directory is being finalized and going to print. Dues collection is ongoing. There will be a healthy relationship program in October.

1. **New Business, next meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday October 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm in Room 103.