**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Joint meeting with SFA Wednesday March 8, 2017 7:30 am

**Principal’s Update**:

Late start – school committee approved time to consider consistent 8:30-3 schedule via committee of teachers (South and North) and district employees. Timeline will be approximately 2 years including time for parent input. Discussion on heels of impending $2.8 million deficit and increase in students numbers in district creating class size impacts.

E Block student organized event in solidarity with International Women’s Day.

**School Council Update:**

Brief discussion of Civic & Social Engagement discussions stemming from Principal’s survey. Discussion and ideas from SFA in engaging parents.

**SFA Update:**

Student spaces – consideration for areas in building for students to hang out. Current areas (e.g. cafeteria, library) are not really for that purpose. Main Street and Theater entrance area possibilities. Issues of safety/monitoring, additional work for janitorial staff. Ideas of utilizing outdoor space – PTSO has possible $ donated specifically to improve outdoor spaces could be used for furniture, bike racks. Discussion regarding outdoor classroom space vs pure hangout space and whether upkeep is possible.