**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Monday, January 9, 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

Karen Cutone, parent representative

Nancy Decoteau, faculty representative

Izzy Elgart, student representative

Maya Gomberg, student representative

Michele Leong, faculty representative

Joanna Mandinova, student representative

Alicia Matos, parent representative

Anping Shen, alternate parent representative

Jeanne White, community representative

Irene Wu, student representative

Jeff Zabel, parent representative

Rex Clark and Alicia Matos were not present. New faculty members Tessa Bridge, Nancy Decoteau and Michele Leong were introduced.

1. **Acceptance of minutes from December 5, 2016 meeting**
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

1. **PTSO Update**

EdEx continues to raise funds for speakers. Grants/projects applications due for approximately $16K in requests. Tiger Boosters needs parent chair to restart the group and generate parent interest schoolwide. Just Think expo 1/23/17 everyone please attend.

1. **Newton Late Start Update**

Two more school committee meetings to discuss feedback including recent Supt. Survey. Likely 2/13/17 vote but likely any changes will not be in effect until 2018. South school council presented statement at last school committee meeting open to options but any changes should be 8:30 or later start. Discussion regarding differences in North/South faculty and parents in terms of desire for changes. Some faculty at North do not think changes would be feasible for them to continue to work at North – some faculty support but not majority in favor of changes. Issues of disenfranchisement fears as well. Discussion regarding making statement or not as school council from North. School council isn’t representative voice for all constituencies so shouldn’t speak for all with statement. Motion for simple message to be drafted – no consensus among North constituencies, school council helping provide options for gaining information and input should be taken into account via survey results. Second. Passed. Maya and Tessa will draft, circulate for feedback and Maya will read statement at school committee meeting 1/23/17.

1. **Principal’s Update and survey data key points**

Events at North: BLAC event; Anti-bias working group – professional day in November; SOS screening after February break – 3rd year of program, had info session for parents; SFA met – hand dryers, social space for students. Mr. Turner reflected on 6 months in role.

Social and civic expectations – good for students good for community. Tensions exist striking balance for importance in line with academic expectations. Letter to faculty from Principal for feedback looking at social and civic goals of NNHS. Question for SC is how to engage parents around including social and civic expectations as important component of student learning – goals, what are expectations and outcomes? Work has been with students and faculty (e.g. anti-bias work) how to build skills in this area and commitment of time and resources. Ongoing work of SC will be engaging parents in adopting social, civic and academic expectations for all NNHS students.

7. **New business**

Anping proposed including motto “Learning sustains the human spirit” translated into numerous languages as part of mural project.

8. **Next meeting**

February 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm