**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Second meeting Monday October 5, 2015, 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

Max Kozlov, student representative

Joanna Mandinova, student representative

Jeff Zabel, parent representative

David Bedar, Rex Clark, Liam Macintyre, Bev Spencer, Irene Wu and Vicki Ritterband did not attend the meeting.

1. **Acceptance of minutes from last meeting – June 1, 2015**

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

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

We had one member of the public (Sonja Strah-Pleynet) who attended the meeting for observation only.

1. **Newton South School Council Update**

Jean Wood and Jeff Zabel reported on their attendance at a recent Newton South School Council meeting. The South Council was particularly interested in learning about the work the North Council has done regarding Growth Mindset. We described the events that we had last school year and volunteered to assist them as they introduce the Growth Mindset to the South community. Jean will contact Jen Price to obtain a copy of the presentation that she used at the first introductory meeting for parents/guardians.

While at the meeting, Jeff and Jean learned much about the work that South has done regarding late start times. Ruth Goldman from the School Committee made a presentation describing what the School Committee plans are with this topic. A small subgroup has been formed and will be working over the course of the school year to gather information from many stakeholders and examine the practicalities of moving to a later start time for Newton schools. As a follow-up and to get the North community in this conversation, the North council agreed (along with the PTSO) to host an evening session to inform the North community about the late start topic. Jean, Jeff and Sally will follow up with members from the South School Council prior to the next NNHS Council meeting.

1. **Growth Mindset Events**

Jeff described the Growth Mindset “hands-on” event planned for October 28, 2015. There will be three stations: an art project, a physical challenge, and development and presentation of a rap/limerick. We reviewed various logistics for the evening. Volunteers will be needed to staff the event. Sally will circulate an electronic sign-up sheet.

1. **Center for Civic Engagement and Service (CCES)**

Claudia Wu and Terry Yoffie attended the meeting to present information about CCES and how the School Council may assist them in its development. The idea is that CCES will provide resources around civics, leadership and service to students, faculty and staff at Newton North. It is physically located in the College and Career Center. A Steering Committee has been formed and includes the following individuals:

David Bedar, Faculty, NNHS History Department

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Benji Cole, CCES Intern, NNHS SFA and Newton Youth Commission

Steven Gianquitti, Faculty, NNHS CTE

Sarah Hoffman, NNHS College and Career Counselor

David Meshoulam, Faculty, NNHS Science Department

Mae Rose Neal, CCES Intern, Newton Youth Commission

Jennifer O’Higgins, Director of Youth Services, City of Newton

Alexia Perides, CCES Intern

Jake Roll, CCES Intern

Beth Swederskas, Head, NNHS Guidance Department

Ty Vignone, Faculty, NNHS History Department

Claudia Wu, NNHS parent, Co-Founder, CCES

Terry Yoffie, NNSH Parent, Co-Founder, CCES

A discussion was held about ways for the School Council to assist in this important endeavor but no decisions were made. The School Council will continue to consider this as plans for the year unfold.

1. **AOB & Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting is Monday, November 2, 2015 beginning at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.