

**North Star Community School  
Parent Council Meeting  
September 26, 2017**

**Called to order** at 7:04pm

**Present:** Megan Zacharias, Lorraine Gauthier-Stromberg, Mellisa Gallagher, Stacey Wood, Erica Lantin, Jennifer Learning, Paige Gascoigne, Laurie Mosley, Lana Puumala, Jody Labossiere

**Regrets:** Carly Skrenski, Lisa Campbell, Julie Slack, Sherri Dragan

**Approval of Agenda** – Laurie moves, Erica seconded, carried.

**Approval of Minutes from April 6 meeting** – Laurie moves, Megan seconded, carried

**Principal's Report** –

Really good start up. 15 new students, and 6 left so enrollment is up by 9. There are 2 full kindergarten class, each class at the primary end is at max, each junior class is at 25 or 26. Hiring process for this year so far included replacing Anna Demchuk (JK/SK) who went to Fort - Caitlyn Matichuk got that position, which means now replacing Caitlyn who was in for Arla Bryk's maternity; Laurie moving to AHS full-time so her .3 is needing to be replaced – so might be in transition for a while.

K-12 school – the Board has put it forth to the Ministry. Initial idea is still building on AHS site, looking to keep some building (shops, outers building, Grayson Hall). If this goes through, they will be looking for parent input to create the school.

Annual Report from our Parent Council was distributed to everyone. Any ideas for parent engagement should be brought up to Jody. This year, 87% of students had parents/guardians attend the Open House.

**Safe Schools Discussion** – The School Improvement Plan was distributed and discussed. Increased information about nutrition, 'home alone' strategies, student achievement and role modelling in the school culture (community, culture and caring goal). For Literacy and Numeracy, school will be working on intervention (one on one). Trying to use same strategies across both strands so students will be familiar with it.

**Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan** – each school needs to develop a BPIP. Step 2 is where Jody would like input. Bullying is defined as purposeful, consistent and meaningful - there is not much going on in North Star.

**Tbaytel for Good School Grant** – this is a grant of up to \$1200. We could apply for a grow tower and have it in the foyer to grow herbs, plants, etc. to help focus on nutrition in the school. Mellisa will take the lead on this, but is looking for some helpers.

**PRO Grant update – Family Engagement Night** – This year the board is asking to have the date changed to the beginning of the school year. Culture, art, music and math is the theme for this year. The night would be hosted at North Star and we should start looking at preparing for this sooner rather than later.

**Elections** – Chair – Mellisa Gallagher  
Secretary – Lana Puumala  
Treasurer – Jody Labossiere  
Child Care Person – Laurie Mosley and Lana Puumala

**Adjournment** – 8:06pm

**Next Meeting** – Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:00pm