

North Haven Parent Association (NHPA) Meeting - AGM
Minutes – Oct 15, 2018
Time: After School Council Meeting Adjourns North Haven School

Attendance: Kevin H. Principal (invited to remain), Jana R. (Invited to remain), Megan L. Chair, Miranda B. Co-Chair, Tara P. Treasurer, Kim W. Secretary
Parents: Stephanie, Megan, Jessica, Dana Laura, Carman

- 1) Call to Order – Megan L
- 2) Review of the Agenda – Megan L
- 3) Approval of Sept meeting minutes – Megan L
 - a) Minutes approved
- 4) Letter to Administration Transportation/recess times – Miranda B
 - a) The Parent Association has prepared a letter on behalf of parents to present to the Area Director I ([See Appendix I](#))
- 5) Committee Report – Megan L
 - a) Treasurer
 - i. New cheques ordered @ a cost of approximately \$66 –(Unanimous vote in favour)
 - b) Fun Lunch – Stephanie H
 - i. Feedback on October 11 fun lunch
 - (i) Good participation
 - ii. Upcoming Fun Lunch is on November 8 (Boston Pizza)
 - (i) Still need volunteers
 - iii. Snack Days - will plan for a smoothie snack on December 21st
 - c) Media – Dana W
 - i. Facebook followers have increased. Parent Association blog will get more information. Will update Twitter less and focus on Facebook and the blog.
 - d) Fundraising – Jessica C
 - i. ADmazing is done but orders will still be filled. Currently we've raised approximately \$1400.
 - ii. Fundraising Plans for 2018/2019
 - (i) There is an opportunity to send out a cheque-writing campaign letter. We are on track to do this at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.
 - (ii) Easter may be an ideal time to pursue chocolates or something consumable
 - (iii) Fundscrip gift cards could be pushed out in November in advance of the holiday season
 - (iv) LifeTouch – Offer a spring session as a school fundraiser to do sibling and spring photos. The school gets \$2 per picture regardless of parent orders. [See Appendix II](#) for details. This will be brought forward to the November meeting to vote on.
- 6) Events that Parent Association will sponsor this year
 - i. Movie Night or School Dance – Parent Association would be willing to sponsor an event if there is volunteer to spearhead a committee
 - ii. Teacher Appreciation

- 7) Additional Business
 - a) Tara P. will review the AGLC guidelines to determine if casino funds be used for classroom painting or to lower the basketball hoops on the playground
- 8) Next Meetings
2018/2019 meeting dates are:
 - Nov 19
 - No Dec meeting
 - Jan 14
 - Feb 11
 - Mar 11
 - Apr 8
 - May 13
 - June 10
- 9) Adjourn at 8:35pm -seconded by Tara P.

APPENDIX I

October 15, 2018

Mr. Kevin Howell, Principal
 North Haven Elementary School
 4922 North Haven Dr NW
 Calgary, AB, T2K 2K2

Dear Mr. Kevin Howell:

Thank you for participation in the open discussions of the adverse effects of the current transportation schedule on instructional and recess time at the school. As stated in the May 14, 2018 meeting minutes and raised again at the September 10, 2018 meeting, we have concerns as to the practicality of the 10-minute morning recess introduced this year as necessitated by the restrictions placed on the school bell times due to transportation alignment and required instructional time. While we appreciate that the morning and afternoon dismissal bell times have not changed for this year (early dismissal each Friday excepted), parents at the school have expressed to us their disappointment that the morning recess has been reduced from 15 minutes to 10 minutes.

We respectfully request the return to a 15-minute recess be considered and integrated into the transportation and instructional planning by the start of the 2019/2020 school year. In support of our request, we have found the following Area 2 schools; each having similar bell times or instructional hours during the day yet all have a longer lunch, recess or both.

School	Bell Times	Lunch duration	Recess duration
Cambrian Heights	M-TH 8:00am – 2:30pm FR 8:00am – 11:55am	42 minutes	
C.N. Gunn	M-TH 8:30am – 3:00pm	54 minutes	15 minutes
Thornccliffe	M-TH 9:15am – 3:53pm FR 9:15am – 1:25pm	44 minutes Fr: 40 minutes	15 minutes Friday nutritional break (no recess)
Banff Trail	M-TH 8:00am – 2:30pm FR 8:00am – 12:00pm	45 minutes	14 minutes
Beddington Heights	M-TH 8:00am – 2:30pm FR 8:00am – 11:50am	45 minutes	Not listed
Capitol Hill	M-TH 8:30am – 3:10pm FR 8:30AM – 12:30PM	1 hour	15 minutes
Coventry Hills	M-TH 9:10am – 3:50pm FR 9:10am – 12:45pm	45 minutes	15 minutes Friday nutritional break (no recess)

North Haven	M-TH 8:00am – 2:30pm FR 8:00am – 11:30am	45 minutes	10 minutes Friday nutritional break (no recess)
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Thank you for your time, and please know that we are more than happy to continue the dialogue with you on this topic as well as provide any assistance needed to facilitate the recess duration change. We would also like to welcome Darlene Unruh to join us at any of our scheduled School Council meetings that work with her schedule to discuss this topic.

Sincerely,

North Haven School Parents Council

APPENDIX II



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