

# NIS School Council Meeting Minutes

## November 16, 2017

### 4:00 - 4:57 PM

Attendees: Evemarie McNeil, Principal; Amy Knapp, Teacher; & Pauline Cronin, Parent  
Absent: Gine Heneke, Parent & Rosemary Topham, Teacher

- I. School Council reviewed the School Improvement Plan presented to the school committee.
  - Changes recommended by School Council noted to be made in the plan
  - Decided Council Focus: Goal #3 “NIS will promote and nurture school partnerships with families and the community.” We will read the book The Power of Banding - Telling Your School’s Story. We agreed to all read chapter 1. Members agreed to read one other chapter and will report out on that chapter: GH - chapter 2, AK - chapter 3, PP - chapter 4, RT - chapter 5, EM - chapters 6 & 7

II. Council reviewed DESE definitions and questions/answers related to school council responsibilities. We discussed if the role can encompass the parent members as liaisons to the school for families. Ideas: Note school council members in next school newsletter. Set up a table at an NIS Family Evening so parents can meet parent representatives. Additional idea to explore: Can teachers have class representatives who reach out to parents?

III. Next Meeting: Joint School Council Meeting at CPS on Dec. 14, 2017. Following meeting: we will discuss the book and develop our first family survey seeking feedback regarding home/school communication.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Evemarie McNeil