

NHSS- School Council Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024 6:30 pm-8:10pm

Attendance: Petrus Ihorpe, Vatskivska Viktoriia, Raj Persaud, Rashid Gatkachi, Soma Choudhury, Suzanne Yoo, Scott Moore, Leanne Grammenz, Xuan Luc, Sara Heydarian, Kayla Rudberg-Rotman,

Staff attendance: Anita Ghazariansteja, Annette Colavita, Samantha Juruc

Meeting called to order with the introductions of the new principal Anita Ghazariansteja, who started February 1, 2024.

Principal's Report:

Literacy and Numeracy

A new literacy and numeracy support program for grade 9 and 10 students will start March 4. This is an after-school program and will need a minimum of 15 students for the program to run.

There was also funding given for a 0.5 teacher this semester, to assist students in grades 9 and 10 classrooms in literacy and numeracy.

Math space

This is an online platform for Math in all grades. Teachers create the accounts for the students to access and use for additional math help. Students can access this platform from any electronic devices, anywhere. Math space will start this semester.

HMST

The HMST students are having an opportunity to share their voices about what they like and what they would like to see more of in the HMST program. An online survey was sent to all HMST students asking them for comments about the program. There was a low response rate, therefore the survey will be re-sent to the students, and teachers are asked to remind students to complete the survey. Survey will also be shared with parents/guardians and caregivers so they can remind their children as well.

In addition, a TDSB visitor came to NHSS to visit the Central Student Interest Programs so that best practices can be shared across the TDSB.

HMST students are no longer required to participate in Math/Science competitions. These are no longer mandatory.

Fieldtrips

Overnight field trips will be difficult to organize because of restrictions due to safety and placements available but will keep trying to seek and provide these types of outside of the classroom learning opportunities.

Caring and Safety Committee

The newly formed NHSS caring, and safety committee consists of staff members, parents/guardians/caregivers, students, and community members. It is a committee that is formed as a space to voice concerns about the school. The committee meets the last Thursday of each month. The meetings are held in person at the school during the lunch break. There is a possibility of having hybrid meetings as an option. If any parents are interested in joining this committee, they can contact the school office.

The committee has recommended that more security cameras are needed, especially on the third floor.

Policy PR728

This is a policy that mandates the reporting of hate and discriminatory activities in the school. These activities can be in any form, such as comments, slurs, or physical. Anyone can report these activities to the administration.

Newcomer Student's Orientation

New students to the school are matched with an ambassador who will show the student around the school as well as answer questions the new student may have.

Suggestions were made about having a similar program for the Newcomer parents to assist them navigate the school system.

Breakfast Program

The NHSS breakfast program runs 5 days a week from 8:15 –9:00am, in the cafeteria. Food items are placed out for students and staff to grab and go. The program is run by student volunteers.

Food Pantry

NHSS has a food pantry at the school and donations are accepted. It has been proposed that parents/guardians coming to the upcoming parent-teacher interviews bring a non-perishable item to donate to the pantry.

Council Meeting

During this meeting recommendations were made that meetings should have agendas and specific dates. It was also recommended that meetings could be in hybrid form (in person as well as virtual), to include more parents to join in on the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Upcoming Events

Parent- Teacher Interviews- March 21st

OSAP info night- April 6

School Council Meetings- April 10th, May 8th

Prom- May 16

Athletic Night- June 13

Student Achievement Awards Night- June

Commencement Graduation Ceremony- June 27