

Northview Heights School Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

Attendance In-Person

Principal Ms. Ghazariansteja, Vice-Principal Ms. Lee, Staff Ms. Juruc, Students Daniel & Adhi & Michael

Parents Raj Persaud, Mary Sayyad, Xuan Luc, Kayla Rudberg-Rotman, Scott Moore, Suzanne Yoo, Soma Choudhary, Ali Lila

Attendance On-Line - Vice-Principal Mr. Marshall, Staff Ms. Lo, Neil Brewster, Molly Weir, Elman Ebrahimzadeh; Evelyn Chen & Jennifer Pol (No chat sign-in)

Co-Chair Ali Lila chaired the meeting

- 1) Welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming, introductions
- 2) Land Acknowledgment -Mr. Marshall
- 3) Approval of AGENDA approved by Soma
- 4) Approval of Minutes of last meeting on February 11 to come back
- 5) Administration School updates

Principal Ms. Ghazariansteja

Celebrate Academic Achievements & Extra Curricular Activities

Robotics made it to Provincials STEM Learning

Busy time of year! Grade 12's are stressed at mid term and are missing out on some of the fun extracurricular activities happening in the school. Upcoming Late Start Day was a Credit Rescue Day for those students who needed to have Credit Rescue. ISP students had a performance from a magician for the hour.

Parent-Teacher Interviews last week. Good turn out! Parent Feedback regarding Parent-Teacher Interviews:

- *the student volunteers were helpful for giving directions to parents
- * guided parents to the classrooms
- *seemed organized

*students offering treats to teachers

** Not related to the student volunteers, there seemed to be a computer glitch in signing up for appointments rooms assigned for teachers did not match where teachers were

Suggestions for next Parent Interviews for student volunteers:

- Empower students who are sitting outside the classroom to politely give the interview in progress a 2-minute warning time is ending soon (have a buzzer for them to use)
- Have a pink sheet of paper for the student to use to wave to the teacher that time has ended for the interview and the next appointment has arrived
- Teacher who is training the student volunteers to continue to support the students in these areas.

Ms. Lee

EQAO

Overview of internal data of Grade 10 students compared to the Board

Cohort 77% (202 wrote): Northview 2023-2024 88% ; Board 84%

Northview 2022-2023 86%; Board 93%

This week, OSSLT will be written over three days by the grade 10 & 11 students

Math EQAO grade 9 is a percentage of the mark which is a Ministry mandate.

Northview 58 %, Board 68%; Province 64%

Ms. Juric & Ms. Lo are in the grade 9 & 10 classes to co teach at distinct levels of students

Ms. Lo

Offering a “boot camp” for grade 9& 10 students in math. Different teachers one or two students learning gaps to help provide extra support at lunch time ended this week.

Sessions are short, intimate to help students recognize that help is available. Students can always attend. Supporting different classes, include the teachers to set goals and strong foundations

Ms. Ghazariansteja

The board does have math coaches(teachers), workshops for teachers to support teachers in learning styles of students. Teachers need to know how to change teaching styles to meet the needs of student learning styles. There are also language barriers for newcomer population as well as just language barriers in general. Feeder schools have a great impact. The feeder schools need to teach the basic foundations, skills so when students are in grade 9, are equipped to learn new skills. Otherwise, there is a gap in the learning and grade 9 teachers have difficulty teaching the grade 9 curriculum. It is a Board and Province wide challenge.

Students- Daniel - Grade 10 rep & President of SAC

Next two weeks Phoenix Games (elimination game)

Sign up next week people get involved, school spirit. Raise awareness up to Phoenix Fest.

At the Leadership Meeting, ideas shared how to promote Phoenix Games. Art Club to make banners, Film Crew make posters, announcements made in classes, photos shared on Newsletter.

SAC Elections are happening earlier this year. (Room 101) Those interested in getting involved with SAC elections, there is a nomination meeting which will explain the campaign, and how elections and voting will happen.

Northview Cares- Daniel

First Week of May

Highlights of what is planned so far

- ✓ **Healthy Relationships with Technology – TELUS Wise (free parent workshops that school council could look into for next school year)**
- ✓ **Kids Help Phone**
- ✓ **Sunshine Therapy Dogs**
- ✓ **Pawsitive Vibes: Hands on Exotics Animals (Cockatoo, parrot chihuahua, bunnies)**
- ✓ **Possibly PIXAR Club sponsor a movie after school INSIDE OUT**
- ✓ **More ideas to follow!!**

Other events coming up.

SHCM Fair-similar to a Science Fair, or the Culture Fair- * promotes student community, feel good about your school

Spring Sports, Athletic Banquet (late May)

The CLUB SPOTLIGHTS brought higher turnout for members into the clubs

Mr. Marshall (online)**EXAMS**

Keeping same format for June

Most classes by period 1 teacher supervises own classroom in common area

Surveyed students Grade 10-12 how they liked the format

49% preferred

17% unsure

Comments: worked well, worked better, some unfair, more time to study

Surveyed parents how they liked the format

63% preferred

21% opposed

Comments: went well, unfair different days, grade 12 afternoon conflicting schedules, individual bases were changed

Used the Day 1 Model

Surveyed Teachers how they liked the format

80% preferred

Comments: liked it better

Parent question about the breakdown of the grading in a course with the exams and culminating assignment and in class participation. At Parent -Teacher Interviews, some teachers were not sure.

Ms. Ghazariansteja said she would follow up. The information should be known at the beginning of the school year, beginning of the semester.

STAFFING

Ms. Ghazariansteja shared about the staffing for the school year 2025-2026

Not looking good.

92.5 next year

103.5 this year

19 surplus teachers,

2 sections for HMST and 1 Section cut

Staff on leave, central role, 3 POR's not full, Science, HMST and Spec Ed.

Enrollment down, including across the Board

Not enough Grade 9 students coming in to the school and more Grade 12 students are leaving

Proposal more staff internal for ESL students

Families who are moving into the area do not project enough

College & Open courses do not fill up such as Grade 11 Law
Not all College Level Electives being kept open
Cut 1 Vice-Principal from 3 to 2 Vice -Principals next school year
20-page document to superintendent
Cut staff from Autism but numbers went up from 43 to 48
Support staff, VP, and teacher cuts
These are cuts across the Board
Good news, did not cut culinary staff, kept at 3 and gained an extra safety monitor

Parents discussion about the possibilities for drop of enrollment at the secondary school level

Feeder school enrollments are up, why is the secondary enrollment down? Are families moving up north, due to cost of living? Or are they attending private schools? Cohorts specialties dropping due to lottery system. Lottery system not providing results as expected System limits optional HMST. Can writing to the trustee help?

Question regarding when students know who their teachers are for the following school year. Grade 11 students going into grade 12 want to know who their teachers are before September. Why do they have to wait until the school year starts? Between June and August changes can happen with staffing. Teachers have a tentative timetable at the end of June.

COMMENCEMENT

Date: **JUNE 26, 2025, at 6 PM**

Venue: Change location- **HAZELTON MANOR Jane & 407**

Graduates at 5 PM

Graduate plus 2 guests cost of tickets can be subsidized

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Date: **May 14,2025**

Venue: **HAZELTON MANOR Jane & 407**

❖ Next Meeting talk about graduation information for HMST

SCHOOL COUNCIL BUDGET

Spending the money on technology, for parent engagement programs which could include hybrid sessions for all parents to participate and to benefit.

Motion to use funds for the purpose of purchasing technology for Parent Engagement Programs. Which will allow all parents to be involved in workshops, trainings and other programs that the School Council plans.

Approved Mary

Second Soma

Vote all in favor

IDEAS to use from PIAC Conference

Kayla selected two ideas from the long list presented last meeting.

- Next school year, in May evening before the May weekend host an event and invite Grade 8 students and their parents of a topic that is a concern for the community (or an issue like the use of Maintaining a Healthy Relationship with Technology from TELUS Wise) , part of the presentation for the current School Council to share accomplishments we have done as a school.
- Next school year, perhaps in after semester 2 has started and settled, have a Family Engagement Night- Literacy and Numeracy small group sessions

For parents can have an idea what their students are learning, as well have a TRADES Spotlight Night so parents can see what happens in the trades and perhaps try a mini project in one of the TRADES.

Ms. Juruc mentioned that May 16 the Grade 8 Feeder schools are invited to tour Northview during the daytime. As well, at the end of August, in coming grade 9 students are given a tour of the school

Ms. Ghazariansteja mentioned that this school year there was a grade 9 night in late September had a tour of the school. It was a meet n greet night for parents and staff. Coffee and chili were served Student Council also at the meet n greet.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion about why at the asked elementary school level when a school does fundraise, if they raise above a certain amount, that they must give 12% to other schools in the TDSB who are not able to fundraise to the same amount. Why is that?

Question about grade 12 mark deadlines to post-secondary schools? **APRIL 10**

Report cards for midterms **APRIL 20**

Students need to know drop dates

Guidance Counsellors to share **APRL 17** drop before for university

Meeting Adjourned by Mary

Second by Xuan

Adjourned 8:10 pm

Minutes -Secretary- Kayla Rudberg-Rotman

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, May 13,2025 6:30 pm**

Last School Council Meeting for the school year

POTLUCK

