

Northview Heights Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 at 6:35 pm

Attendees:

Staff: Principal Anita Ghazariansteja, Vice Principal Mr. Marshall (virtual), Ms. Tanrikulu (Guidance), Ms. Juruc

Brief Virtual Appearance by School Superintendent Mr. Ainsworth Morgan

Parents/ Guardians (virtual and in-person): Kayla Rudberg-Rotman, Soma Choudhury, Ali Lila, Xuan Luc Matthew, Alison Monroe, Aakash Choudhury

Students: Daniel S, Vanessa D, Anisha M, Aakash C, Nev B

Quorum: Present

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Soma Choudhury called the meeting to order and welcome all attendees. Introductions were made.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Soma Choudhury.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Kayla. Second by: Xuan. Approved.

4. Approval of December 2, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve: Kayla Seconded by: Ali. Approved

5. Student Updates

Student Reps: Daniel, Vanessa, Anisha, Aakash, Nev

Staff: Ms. Juruc

- A Student Council Elections information meeting was held this week
- School Council Elections happening soon- May 1st

Upcoming Events:

- Northview Cares- Week May 4-8, 2026
 - Social Science classes involved, art gallery, therapy dogs
- **Phoenix Games**
 - Sign up started today
 - In the future, staff will have a PD of Phoenix Games

- **Phoenix Fest Thursday May21, 2026**
 - Phoenix Fest is a school-wide event that will take place between 11:00am-1:15pm during an extended lunch on an adjusted schedule day
 - Event will combine culture-connections activities, promote school spirit, showcase clubs, have fun inflatables and an ice cream truck!

Past Events:

Spirit Week

- A “Blast from the Past” Spirit Week happened the week before March Break (March 13-19)
- It was a time decades theme
- Advertising on social media, internet

6. Principal Update (Ms. Ghazariansteja)

GOOD NEWS

- **RAMADAN IFTAR Dinner March 6, 2026**
 - Event was a huge success. A letter was sent to the Principal from an alumnus (2003 graduate) who came with her family. She was very impressed with the event
- **TDSB LAUNCH of Spoken Word Event**
 - Grade 12 student wrote poems for Spoken Word
 - Elementary teacher reached out to Ms. Ghazariansteja to see if they could have a copy of the poems. Ms. Ghazariansteja said the student could come to the elementary school and read the poem to the student
 - Former Northview graduate from 2024 studying at Carlton University (BSA) came at lunch time to share examples about doing STEM post-secondary
 - Students tend to come visit during **READING WEEK**, giving students tips about post-secondary schools
 - Northview alumni are welcome to share what they are currently doing with our students
- STEM_Racing competition and DEC competitions coming up
- **EQUITY POSTER:**
 - Safe and Caring Committee Equity poster was distributed and input was given
 - Posters are currently in classrooms and in prominent, visible, areas in the school

- **Ms. Arima Celebration of Life- March 29, 2026**
- Parents, students and staff attended
- Beautiful speeches. Student shared a speech making references to when she sees a fly in the kitchen, it reminds her of Ms. Arima watching over them
- Beautiful arrangement of food as if Ms. Arima had set it out
- A loving Memoir photo College will be in the staff lounge
- A plaque, “Martha’s Kitchen” in her memory will be on a wall in the servery

Facilities & Safety

- **POOL**
 - Pool not ready to open yet; September for sure
 - Two swimming courses filled
 - Pool needs to be cleaned and filled
- **CHANGE ROOMS**
 - Tiles on the floors need to be fixed with new tiles, grey colour
 - Shower heads need fixing, issue shower heads rusted
 - Plumbing issues being addressed
- **WINDOW REPAIRS**
 - Two thirds of the completion windows for the building are done
- **CAMERAS**
 - Construction team needs to do upgrades for third floor cameras
 - Should be ready for September
- **SAFETY**
 - Fire Drills; Lock Down Drill- between class change, done on purpose
 - End of April, with Officer Tony, Bomb Threat Drill
 - Not in mandate but Northview is being proactive
- **STAFFING & BUDGETING**
 - TDSB across the board
 - 5,000 fewer students’ next year so enrolment is down, budget cuts
 - Continue to change up to Sept 4th,2026
 - Support staff changes for ISP programs

- Vice Principal still three
 - Teacher cuts- across the board
 - New round of leaders hired 24 positions 18 filled
 - Internal teachers can apply
 - Projection is lower next year for Northview
 - HMST co-Hort – 2 classes
 - Cyber Arts Co- Hort -1 class
 - Both have limited number of students to take in (across the board)
 - Neighborhood area enrollment has also dropped
- **Regarding Parent Interview (PTI) Scheduling**
 - **PTI were held on March 26**
 - **Afternoon 2-4pm**
 - **Evening 6-8pm**
 - **Future Things to Consider regarding PTI:**
 - End later than 4pm, later than 8pm
 - Instead of only 7 minutes, up to 10 minutes, it gives a cushion (grace period)
 - Offer virtual sessions
 - These ideas could increase participation of parents
 - Issue about virtual sessions and privacy (something to investigate for next school year)
 - Praise to student volunteers! Acted helpful, professionally in taking parents to classrooms to teachers.
 - Students were organized, polite when letting teachers know that time was almost up for next appointment
 - Ms. Tanrikulu and Ms. Lee were the staff who trained the students
 - Ms. Ghazariansteja suggested to the School Council the organization COMMON COMPUS to use funding for a presentation of \$1,000 for a one-hour presentation for June or pay for session in May for fall

UPCOMING_IMPORTANT DATES

- APRIL 15th Grade 12 Assembly information about graduation
- APRIL 15th 5:30pm - School Play – Infected written by a graduating student
- APRIL 16th 3:45pm- Seniors Movie Night in Auditorium – (One of the Spiderman movies)
Popcorn on the way out after the movie
- APRIL 17th 240 Grade 8 students' excursion -feeder schools Spring into action!
- Fun programs- Jack Chapter, pizza lunch

- May 7th Arts Night 6-8pm
- May 28th PROM
 - Location Paradise Banquet Hall Jane/Highway 7
 - Theme **JAZZ HOUR**
 - Sit down at a dinner dessert bar later in event
 - Cost \$90
 - Tickets on sale this Friday until May 1st (check school cash online)

- **June 11th Athletic Banquet**
 - Location **Montecassino Banquet Hall**

- **June 26th Commencement**
 - Location **Montecassino Banquet Hall**
 - Time **10:30am-2:30pm**

7) PIAC CONFERENCE REPORT- Kayla

- ✓ School Council submitting an annual report (including highlights of accomplishments during the school year, goals or plans wanted to do, helps the incoming school council to know what has been done and direction to take)
- ✓ Annual report to be written with all school council members not to be done only be the co-chair(s)
- ✓ Treasurer to be included in the annual report, just as a note of what was or was not spent and why (again, help the incoming school council for the next school year)
- ✓ Reminder that the School Council is accountable to the school
- ✓ Discussion about School Council Funds School Budget Line GL 41500
- ✓ MOE funds \$500 for Parent Engagement for parents

NETWORKING SHARING IDEAS School Council parents which are “graduating” be recognized with a certificate, a token gift for time given to the School Council

- ✓ Students create THANK YOU CARDS for parents on the School Council (Students in Visual Art Department to design and create the cards)
- ✓ School Council Reps attend **all school events** where parents attend (Arts Night, Grade 9 welcome night, Parent Interview, other information sessions) place to reach out to parents, share highlights of what School Council is doing and plans

- ✓ Guest speakers /workshops -agencies in community
- ✓ Parent evening-Movie screening for parents, dinner night (prepared by culinary classes) another avenue to have parents connect with each other relaxed setting, possibly will come to a school council meeting

8) **Superintendent Ainsworth Morgan** (online at 5050 Yonge Street)

- Thanked Ms. Ghazariansteja for inviting him to our meeting. He was sorry that he could not attend in person.
- Parents shared concerns about what is happening across the entire board and the impact it is having on Northview. Our Principal and staff work hard within the budget. Principal, vice principals and staff need to be empowered to continue to enhance that academic is meet.
- Northview has a mixed population of high achieving upper class economic families, low social economic achievers who are struggling to make ends meet.
- Looking at surrounding neighborhoods, the student population is diverse including newcomers. It has been over 3 years for the swimming pool to be repaired.

Response from Answorth Morgan:

- Northview has a champion principal. Continues to advocate for staff and students. He understands that support is required, there are budget challenges. Reminded parents that the province took control of the funding.
- Northview Heights Secondary School is considered a **PRIORITY** to the Board.
- Feel free to reach out regarding any other questions.
- Ms. Ghazariansteja shared after the Superintendent left the meeting that the secondary schools that are in his area are Earl Haig, Mackenzie, Drewry and Northview.
- He is aware of the diversity of each neighborhood.

9) **New Business**

Potluck next meeting on May 5th Last meeting for this school year. Put in Newsletter so all parents in the school can attend.

Ms. Ghazariansteja, bring dessert and an entrée

Create a sign-up sheet for parents to sign up what dish they are bringing

10) **Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn moved by Xuan, Seconded by Kayla at 7:55pm

Next SIP Meeting Tuesday May 5th 5:30-6:30pm IN Person

Next School Council Meeting Tuesday May 5th 6:30pm-7:30pm, hybrid. **POTLUCK**