

## **Northview Heights School Council Meeting Minutes:**

**February 11,2025 start 6:35 pm**

Attendance In-Person

Principal Ms. Ghazariansteja, Vice-Principal Ms. Lee

Staff Ms. Juruc

Students Adhinath, Michael Yen, Dayha Malijah. Sajith Maniventhan

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

Attendance On-Line:

Neil Brewster - parent of Nolan and Felix Brewster  
Mousam Hazarika, Father of Abir Khaund-Hazarika  
Jason, Parent of CJ Choi,

Vice-Principal Mr. Marshall

Parents

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 Suzanne Yoo, Second by Kayla Rudberg

4) Approval of Minutes of last meeting on December 10,2024 approved by Soma Choudhary, Second by Suzanne Yoo

5) Amendment added to the agenda four grade 12 students shared past & upcoming events happening at Northview.

6) Updates from the students

SCP second Candy Grams Sales on Wednesday, February 12/25 Candy Grams selling well.

Spirit Week is going well. Valentine's Day is going smoothly. Club Spotlight Highlight each club. 60 Clubs want more members, this will allow a bigger platform using social media.

New Event coming-working hard (fundraiser for Phoenix Fest) Phoenix Fest at the end of the school year, which is a carnival with food, games and fun

Characterize school spirit- engagement, not everyone listens to announcements, not

Everyone getting dressed up, some are involved, reflective that we need to advertise more not just using insta gram and announcements and teachers and students use Bright Space. Need to use posters for upcoming Spirit Weeks

Big events go from class to class

7) Administration School updates

Ms. Ghazariansteja and Ms. Lee

Numeracy & Literacy updates.

Bridging the gap in grade 9 & 10 students both last semester and his semester.

There will be a numeracy & literacy program to support unfinished learning.

A letter was sent out to parents/guardians /caregivers on February 7 explaining the program in detail (see attached)

Summer School bridge for math for grade 9 & 10 students. The grade 9 & 10 diagnostic math and literacy test results were emailed to parents. Ms. Juric and Ms. Lo are visiting the students in their classes to help support. Ms. Juric will sit in the class and be in group sessions with the students.

## GRAD PHOTOS

February 18-28,2025 Grad Photos book online.

Commencement

Merdian Hall

5040 Yonge Street

Thursday, June 26,2025

1 pm

ACHIEVMENT EXAM Model Schedule

Hybrid Model Grades 9,10,11 using Day 1,2,3,4,

Math & Science Grade 12 Common Exams

Grade 12 MORE STRESSED Two back-to-back keep equity

Staff found 84% better than what they thought.

Two teachers per classroom with students

Several exams same course, teachers in own classroom

Survey of how the format worked – post exams

Student Feedback

Exam & Culminating -do we need both?

Survey students for next year

Parent Feedback

Decreased their child's anxiety

New teaching styles of teaching for grades 11 & 12. Grades 9& 10 have nothing to compare with previous years.

TRADITIONAL way for Exams

It can create anxiety gap. Could be TOO long between exam days/times for grade 10 students and then have two exams same day both math & science

FACILITY UPDATES

The pool is still NOT OPEN

Blinds are UP!! Multiple Rooms now have PA Systems working properly!

The dishwasher is now WORKING!

\*WISH LIST – parking lot lines

Parent input welcomed.

The Pool is the top priority for Ms. Ghazariansteja's list of what needs to be fixed.

WASHROOMS

Washrooms are in better condition

Less toilet paper on the floor, not as much vandalism as previously. Still, some vaping is happening in washrooms. Except for the third floor, all student washrooms are open.

## LOCK DOWN

There will be a Lockdown the week after Family Day weekend with Officer Tony. It will be a non-traditional day. "What do you do during a Lock Down if it happens in between classes?"

### 8) FOLLOW UP from December 10, 2024 Meeting

Ali Lila regarding bathrooms (see Principal updates)

### 9) PIAC Conference UPDATE

Kayla Rudberg-Rotman

Shared some highlights from the conference 12 ideas (see attachment) Co-chair thanked Kayla and suggested that she choose two ideas from the list for the school council to try. Kayla said she would review the list and would be happy to hear if there was an idea from the list that parents would be interested in trying.

### 10) Grade 12 Teacher Concerns

Ali Lila

Ali shared concerns that were brought to him from a parent(s)

- i) new teachers that are teaching grade 12 to have ability and manage subject matter. Example, History.
- ii) how they look at marks and then abruptly change an earlier grade which is a big change in the marking.
- iii) Parents have difficulty understanding teachers' accent (grade 12) which becomes challenging for parents to communicate with their teacher.
- iv) teaching styles- teaching math standing in front of board
- v) Teachers should adapt to students' learning style
- vi) young teachers teaching grade 12-what is their experience of the subject?
- vii) young teachers have newer teaching styles for grade 12 students that they are not used to
- viii) young teachers lack classroom management skills
- ix) What strategies are available for young teachers
- x) What are the qualifications when hiring young teachers, including inclusiveness

Discussion was brought about parent communication and the Parent Protocol which is shared in the weekly Newsletter (see newsletter for complete details) Summary of the steps

Step 1 student talk with the teacher-there should be open communication between the student and the teacher before parent /teacher interview

Step 2: Parents open communication with teacher (again before parent/teacher interview) timeline 24-48 hours

Step 3 parents talk with Vice-Principal (subject knowledge)

Step 4 Vice-Principal talk with teacher and department head

Discussion about what is currently to address this issue and solutions for new or relatively new grade 12 subject teachers.

- i) Additional support for subject material
- ii) Class management
- iii) Have teachers with other teachers to help other new teachers
- iv) Pair up teachers when possible
- v) Department heads are aware of teachers who need support
- vi) The Board DOES have coaching available. Younger teachers are released to go for coaching and then the class is taught during the time by a substitute
- vii) Acknowledged that newer teachers need mentors
- viii) Newer teachers do share newer experiences with the students and the subjects they are teaching
- ix) Students also need to advocate for themselves
- x) It takes time for teachers to learn how to teach the curriculum quickly to the students

Feedback from parents regarding that they have had open communication with the high school teachers sending emails to the teachers. That parents are advocating by reaching out to teachers prior to parent /teacher interviews

#### 11) New Business

i) Discussion about semester versus non-semester schools

ii) Bike Path construction on Bathurst Street- phase one spring 2025, not affect traffic more specific and dates to follow

#### 12) Adjourn, Soma

Xuan second 7:50 pm

Minutes – Secretary Kayla Rudberg-Rotman

Next Meeting **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 6:30 pm**