

Northview Heights Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 6:45pm

Attendees:

Staff: Ms. McGuirk (Special Education), Ms. Sri (Math) Ms. Brand (History)

Principal – Ms. Ghazariansteja, **Vice-Principals** - Mr. Marshall and Ms. Lee, **Guidance**- Ms. Tanrikulu,

Student- Emme D

Parents- Kayla Rudberg-Rotman, Eduardo Harari, Xuan Luc, Pat Jantzi, Soma Choudhury, Ali Lila

Quorum: Present

1. Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Kayla Rudberg-Rotman

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Eduardo. Seconded by: Ali. All in favor and approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (December 2nd,2025)

Motion to approve: Eduardo. Seconded by Ali. All in favor and approved with minor changes as noted below.

- Correction to spelling of Eduardo 's last name Harari.
- **9 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**. Should read: What types of culturally relevant and pedagogy resources are being used in the classroom?

5. Student Updates – Emme D.

- Second semester started on Friday January 30th
- **Up coming school activities:**
 - Valentine Spirit Week- Monday February 9th-Thursday February 12th (Friday February 13th P.D Day)
 - **Monday** - *Idol Dress up Day (favourite character, someone who inspires you)*
 - **Tuesday** - *Famous Dual Dress up Day (examples: Peanut butter & Jam, Luigi & Mario)*
 - **Wednesday** - *Love- Wear Northview School clothes or school colours (blue & gold)*
 - **Thursday** - *Sweet & Salty Day*
 - *If you like Valentine's Day* - Dress in pink, red, or white
 - *If you don't like Valentine's Day* - Dress in dark colours – dark grey, dark blue, black.
 - *Chocolate Rose Grams for sale \$2.50*

- **Raffle Draw:** With every Chocolate Rose Gram will have a Golden Ticket. Students will enter their ticket for a raffle. **Winner** will receive a basket filled with Valentine Goodies. Cost \$2 to break even and \$0.50 towards goodie basket.

Other up coming events:

February and March

- Lunch time Mine Craft Education Gaming Day
- Theme exchange -Squid Show
- Culture Connection-Art Club

May

- Northview Cares
 - Phoenix Day
- Suggestion from parent regarding Rose grams, perhaps next year, investigate getting donations from a local florist.

6. Special Education Department

- Ms. McGuirk and Ms. Tanrikulu shared how the Student Success Department supports students. Students with IEP's are the priority, however support is available to all students.
- IEP updates happening for semester 2.
- Teachers are updating them "adjustments, accommodations, modifications and contacting parents.
- Parents can reach out if changes need to be made with the ACL Team.

Ms. Brand (History Department)

- Info graph completed. Will be posted in each classroom.
- How to report bias, discrimination, if school is not safe or not a safe environment. Will be explained during expectation assemblies. To talk to a caring adult.
- Ms. Ghazariansteja shared poster. Poster showed equity, diversity of many backgrounds.

Questions from parents and response from Staff

Q) Has there been a noticeable update of discrimination that needs to be addressed?

A) Yes, there have been incidents which indicates this issue needs to be addressed. The school follows protocols when made aware of incidents of discrimination, cyber bullying etc.

Complaints can be made through the TDSB portal. There are consequences for such behaviour. Education about discrimination and how it impacts others is addressed for such behaviours.

Q) What is being done to recognize and learn about Holocaust Memorial Month?

A) Yes, November-December there were displays in the library. Last year, student shared a presentation in the library for grade 11 and 12 classes. Student shared family history about their grandfather being a Holocaust Survivor. Instead of assembly style presentation, classes came class by class. Staff and student worked together on the presentation.

Q) The concerns are that many in the younger generation believe that the Holocaust was a hoax and that it never happened. This is a big part of our Canadian history. Are we doing enough to ensure that students are aware of the Holocaust and antisemitism?

A) The Holocaust is taught in History courses. Grade 10 History is mandatory, and the Holocaust is taught in the grade 10 Canadian History classes.

Antisemitism is being recognized. In the poster, someone is wearing a kippa in the poster.

Holocaust Week happened during exam week; there are displays in the library.

Learning about the Holocaust is now being mandated starting in grade 6.

Last year, teachers were starting to take students on field trips to The Holocaust Museum at the Posserman-JCC. There are opportunities for the upcoming speakers to the school.

7. Principal's Update

Ms. Ghazariansteja

FACILITY UPDATES:

- a. Pool – lighting in pool area fixed; temperature and grout fixed; change room floors and shower (have a visit from project manager this Wed); girls change room tiles still to be done; overflow tank connecting to the pool still needs repairs. Needs to pass a Health & Safety check (Toronto Public Health) before pool is opened.
 - i. Question from parent: Q) Will the swimming pool be open this semester? Very very close!
 - ii. When the pool is in use, a swimming course will be offered for the school year 2026-2027 – New swimming course expected to be introduced as part of the personal fitness class. It needs a minimum of 20-25 students for the class to run.
- b. Lifeguard – shared with another school secured (one week on and one week off)
- c. Windows Installations – continuing and progressing well – working 3 days per room and classes being relocated during this time.

ACHIEVEMENT/WELL-BEING:

SIP GOALS:

- using Power BI data for student demographics and achievement as well as Census Data to set goals in the following area:
 - i. Indigenous Education.
 - ii. Achievement in Literacy/Numeracy,
 - iii. Thrive
 - iv. Belong

- 1 hour meeting tonight prior to school council meeting
- SIP Report, every month.
- Teachers review data.
- Tracking students
- Level 3 how to move to level 4 to reach provincial status and report each standard.
- Ms. Lee shared that parents requested another 1-hour meeting in April prior to the school council meeting for more up to date data and to continue discussions from tonight's meeting. **Next meeting for the SIP will be Tuesday April 7, 2026, at 5:30pm-6:30pm**
- Ms. Ghazariansteja shared that the date and time for the SIP meeting was in the last two weekly school messenger.
- Data collected in the SIP is sensitive and needs to be explained and shared in person and therefore online or hybrid meetings are not ideal.

INSPIRING MINDS: Tuesdays at lunch in Student Success Room. Ms. DiDomenico is the lead of club topics such as stress and anxiety. Topics include Dealing with stress, healthy relationships/Effective communication, employment, managing anger etc.

EQUITY:

- Before the Winter Break, students did an equity walk in pairs or threes.
- Walked around the hallways of each floor, noticed, and observed what was posted, any accessibility issues were noted.
- Walked in other common areas/rooms of the school such as the cafeteria, auditorium.
- Working doors to washrooms, accessibility push buttons for doors if working
- Walked in classrooms- ecstatically appealing and appropriate (no biases, culturally sensitive)
- How would students feel in the environment?

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

- Staff once a month PLC staff have chosen a category to learn more about and then to share, how to apply their learning in the classroom. These categories are.
- AI and Global Competencies
- Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy Resources
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Achievement – Numeracy and Literacy
- Indigenous Book Club- three books to read -reflect, review and share.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- **HIRING:** Principal and the three Vice- Principals will be very busy this month. They will be interviewing and hiring departmental heads for the 2026-2029 school years. 24 ACL positions will be hired. Overarching School Wide leadership roles with TDSB pillars as a focus that align with school and Board improvement plan: New positions include Literacy, Numeracy, Equity and Student Voice. Hiring needs to be completed by March Break
- Expectation Assemblies will be happening on Wednesday, February 4th, and Thursday February 5th during periods 3 and 4. Separate assemblies for each grade level.

8) Guidance Update

Ms. Tanrikulu Assistant Curriculum Leader

Course Selection Fair: Thursday February 5th and Friday February 6th

- i) Grade 9's Thursday period 4
- ii) Grade 11's Friday period 1
- iii) Grade 10's Friday period 2
- iv) **PARENT EVENING COURSE SELECTION: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5th 6-8 pm Auditorium**

9) NEW BUSINESS

Kayla spoke about the upcoming PIAC CONFERENCE - Ready, Set, Engage, change to be held at West Humber Collegiate Institute on Saturday February 7th, 2026, from 10 am to 3 pm. Breakfast and lunch provided. There is no cost for registration or attendance. It is a great opportunity to meet and network with other parents, Ward representative, learn new ideas to bring back to school council. Our Ward 5 representative wants to learn what the needs are in the middle schools and high schools and would like to be invited to a school council meeting.

Kayla is attending the conference and will share information with school council at the April meeting.

10) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Ali seconded by Eduardo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN MEETING: TUESDAY APRIL 7th, 2026 from 5:30-6:30pm

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY APRIL 7th, 2026 from 6:30pm-8:00pm