

Northview Heights Secondary School Council Meeting

October 1, 2024 6:37 pm to 8:15 pm

Hybrid meeting in zoom and in person

Present:

Guardians/Parents: Anu Bakshi, Mary Sayyad, Xwan Luc, Zaniab Giahchin, Alireza Allahmoradi, Scott Moore, Ali Lila, Suzanna Yoo, Soma Choudhury, Kayla Rudberg-Rotman, Raj Persaud

Staff: Anita Ghazariansteja (Principal), Antonietta Colavita (Vice Principal), Samantha Juruc(Grade 12 staff)

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by school principal Ms. Anita Ghazariansteja. Everyone was welcomed in person and online. All parents and staff introduced themselves both in person and online.

ELECTIONS

Ms. Ghazariansteja established the election procedures following the By-Laws of the School Council of Northview Heights Secondary School.

Parents/Guardians online and in person had some discussion concerning Section G) d) - Number of Members

After a discussion, it was agreed by everyone that during the school year, the incoming council will revisit the School Council By-Laws.

There were three nominations for Chair

There was a tie between Ali Lila and Soma Choudhury

They were both voted in as Co-Chairs

Next were two nominations for Vice-Chair

Anna-Kay Brown voted in as Vice-Chair

One nomination for Secretary and was acclaimed Kayla Rudberg-Rotman

No nomination for Treasurer

One parent in person nominated themselves. Parent was acclaimed: Suzanna Yoo.

Ms. Ghazariansteja thanked all parents and guardians online and in person for their participation in the election and voting process. She welcomed the Executive School Council for the 2024-2025 school year.

School Updates:

Ms. Juruc shared that the Grade 9 Parents Orientation Night was a successful evening. There were approximately 80-100 student leaders that night, helping to tour around the school.

Grade 9 student elections were held in September
September 26 was the Terry Fox Event. Students were encouraged to walk, run or move in any way, out on the track. This year there was also a Water Bucket Challenge where students could soak a teacher.

Spirit Week will be at the end of October

Leadership Meeting after school this Thursday, October 3.
Students who are leaders in their clubs are welcome to share their voices.

Student Council and Athletic Council support student clubs

Semi Formal will be held on November 14

Principal Report:

Amazing start to school year!!

She and the three Vice Principals are seeing and hearing a lot of good learning happening in classes.

Reminder for parents and guardians to complete the online medical forms, start of the year school forms.

Parents and guardians to pay the school fee.

So far, half the school population has paid for the school fees. The fees help pay for the Yearbook, trips, excursions, guest speakers, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. There is a speaker protocol which is vetted by the Board.

The Messenger sent each Friday by email is the only means of communication. The Messenger provides information about what is happening in the school and school community.

Ministry funding is for helping Grade 9 and 10 students with Mathematics and English Literacy taking place after school.

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The Ministry mandate regarding the use of cell phones:

Staff are seeing a culture shift in classes. Seeing more focus on being involved in class - parents are enforcing this –
THANK YOU.

Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Clubs

There are over 40 - 45 clubs and councils along with athletic teams happening in the Fall. There will be a Club Fair on Thursday, October 10 during the lunch hour. Details about the Club Fair were sent in The Messenger.

Nutrition Funding

There is other funding which schools receive for the health and well-being of the students, to help with equity. This funding is used to support all students who might have food insecurities. Northview uses the funding to provide breakfast for all students who are hungry. Northview follows The Toronto Public Health Guidelines to be sure there is a proper

amount of food in each nutrient group. All students are welcome to take a grab and go breakfast that is set up in the hallway and the cafeteria.

Ms. Colavita and Mr. Marshall are the staff leadership in this area. Staff volunteer their time to set up the food for the students. This year, Northview lost some of the Hospitality Cafeteria Staff. The cutback of staff went from 5 staff to 3. Administration now needs to fill in if the kitchen staff is away. The school is still providing consistency for the students. Cafeteria staff still prepare the food for the students in house (except for juices and milk). Last year, we served hot breakfast 3 times a week. This year we can only provide grab and go. When students are in school, Northview does what it can do to ensure students have adequate food to keep them energized. The concern is for those in need, what happens on the weekend?

All staff who prepare food have their Food Handling Certification.

Other Committees

There are other committees in the school which parents and care givers can be part of at Northview.

School Improvement Plan

This committee is to help principals, teachers and school councils. Committee members share what the strengths of the school are. Areas are identified for improvements to reach all students. Areas such as students' health and well-being, ensuring equity, student achievements and commitment to truth and reconciliation. Help build gaps and bridges with students and parent care givers.

Caring, Safe, School Committee

Meet once a month at lunch, partnership with students, teachers, administration, support staff, parents ,care givers, members of the community.

Discuss concerns of how to keep the student population and community feeling safe, included and heard.

Details about both when and where these committees will be happening will be posted in the Messenger.

School Council Funds

The School Council has \$1,000 for the school year. The funds can be used for speakers, professional learning and workshops for parents. Parents can suggest topics of

interest, invite the community. The Principal will contribute to the budget if needed.

At the last School Council Meeting on May 8, 2024, the Principal looked into spending the funds on learning resources for the staff. She purchased two books: Start With Why by Simon Sinek and Street Data by Safir/Dungan.

These are professional learning tools for the staff who are part of PLC groups. There copies are available for parents to borrow if interested.

New Business

A parent inquired about the funding *Grants for Student Needs* **GSN** and when the deadline is to apply.

Ms. Ghazariansteja said that the application timeline is from October 9 - December 1. Soma offered to help write the proposal.

Future meeting dates and times were discussed

Tuesdays 6:30 pm First Tuesday of the month – REVISED to 2nd Tuesday of the month since the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Ali motioned. Soma approved Adjourned

Minutes taken by Kayla Rudberg-Rotman