



North Trail High School Council AGM Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:00 PM
Location: NTHS Main Hall

Attendees: Stephanie Bissky (Chair), Tavis Settles (Vice Chair), Robert Brooks (Key Communicator), Ashwini Kelkar (Secretary), Mike Bester (Principal), Sara Moores, Elaine Cohen, Hasina Zaki, Amanda Mauch, Jeremy and Becky Bradbury, Sarah Palankis, Steven and Etty Robbins, Farzana Omar, Muhammad Omar, Mohammad Farooq, Aisha Siddique, Benafisha, Breanna Lomon, Arti Singh, Dawn Barcham, Charlotte Berghofer, Victoria Settles.

- 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement:** Stephanie called meeting to order at 6:38 PM.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions:** Stephanie
- 3. Motion to approve the agenda by Dawn, seconded by Arti. Motion carried.**
- 4. Motion to approve Minutes from past AGM** by Tavis, seconded by Arti, all in favor, Motion carried.
- 5. Principal's Report: Mr. Mike Bester**
 - Thanked the Council for their Fundraising efforts to support athletics, student clubs, student activities. Over \$20000.00 worth of resources procured
 - June 16th, 2025 is the last day of classes. Diploma Exams to be held after.
 - Soccer, Rugby and Field Hockey Teams made to the semis. 4 Athletes have made it to the Track and Field Provincials, athletes set record at City of Calgary competition for Triple jump.
 - Athletic Awards to be held on June 5, 2025. NTHS has highest number of student clubs in the city.
- 6. Student Report:** Maya, Emma, Katelyn
 - Thanked the Council for funding leadership students to attend ASCA 2025.
 - A highlight of ASLC 2025 was the keynote speaker Tyler Smith. He talked about his mental health journey and the effects that certain moments had on his life. A key takeaway from his presentation that will be brought back to NTHS is the idea that you never know what someone is going through and you'll never know how you will impact them, so lead with kindness and authenticity.
 - On Saturday, we all got the chance to go to 3 different breakout sessions. Each of the sessions were a different topic or activity. Some sessions that stood out to NTHS students were Breaking Stigma Around Mental Health, A Teamwork Escape Room, and A Calming Watercolor Activity. There were key takeaways from each session that will be intergrated back into NTHS.
 - There were several opportunities presented to us to be able to get out and interact/bond with others. That being spirit groups, the breakout sessions, a dance, keynote speakers with interactives, and so much more. We are aiming to bring back this mindset of young leaders back to North Trail so we can establish an inclusive community and see an overall betterment in our schools growing culture.



- We can start by bringing this wonderful experience back to our school by promoting the trip to leadership students coming to the school this upcoming year. This will help the not only the leadership program at NTHS, but also helps us make ASLC possible for many more years to come. Another way is to take that “Yes I Can!” mindset and put it towards future projects that revolve around not only leadership but just our school in general, whether it’s school hosted tournaments, fine arts, or even just putting that mindset towards growing our school culture into something amazing, just like ASLC.

7. Key Communicator Report: Robert Brooks

COSM Meetings were held on Oct. 23, 2024 & April 23, 2025. Information shared at the COSC meetings was shared with council, relevant to our school community. Meetings for 2025/26 school year will be set by the new Board of Trustees that will be elected on October 20, 2025.

ASCA membership was renewed for NTHS School Council has given us access to valuable information. Membership was paid for by the Calgary Board of Education Trustees. ASCA held their AGM on April 27, 2025 with some members of School Council in attendance. Membership expires on June 30th, 2025 and will need to be renewed for 2025/26 school year on or after July 1st, and will be paid for by the Calgary Board of Education Trustee.

ASCA training was provided and attended by NTHS School Council members including:

- School Council Purpose (paid by ASCE Grant)
- Effective Engagement in School Council (paid by CBE)

School Council Policy and Practices (paid by ASCE Grant)

With the municipal elections occurring in October, a reminder that anyone interested in running for a Trustee position can attend the information session on June 19th.

8. Chair Report: Stephanie

Sept 2024: secured COBBS Carrington Donation. Coventry Hills Cobbs will donate 5% to the council of all sales made to NTHS families

November 2024: 773 pounds of Bread donated to the Veteran’s Food bank by COBBS Carrington. Stephanie delivered the bread.

Dec 2024: Casino application completed. We are in the queue/short notice list. Current value of Casino is \$86,563.00. 40 Volunteers are needed.

Jan 2025: By-laws revision initiated by Shawn Botterill

Attended ASCA Spring Symposium

Future Plans entail being a registered charity, grant writing, annual bylaws revision.

9. Election of New Member:

New Secretary Sarah Palinkas nominated by Doug Palinkas, seconded by Stephanie Bissky. All in favour. Unanimous consent.

10. Meeting Schedule for 25/26 school year-Sept 17 with BBQ, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4 (online), March 4, April 1, May 6 AGM

11. Motion to adjourn by Tavis Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm



Meeting minutes prepared by: Ashwini Kelkar, Secretary

Meeting minutes approved by: Stephanie Bissky - Chair