



North Trail High School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 6:30 pm
Location: Staff Room

Attendees: Stephanie Bissky (Chair), Tavis Settles (Vice Chair) Scott Murayama (Treasurer-joined meeting by Teams), Ashwini Kelkar (Secretary), Mike Bester (Principal), April Boutin, Sara Moores, Elaine Cohen, Amanda Mauch, Dawn Barcham, Jennifer Rose, Linda McGowan, Ms Breanne Lomon, Sami Sayed
Students: Anna, Sawyer

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Stephanie Bissky

Safety Exits and Muster Points: Mr. Bester reviewed.

Welcome and Introductions: Stephanie welcomed the group.

Approval of Agenda: By Sara, 2nd Dawn

Approval of Minutes from Dec 4, 2024: Tabled. Minutes not posted on school website.

Student Leadership Report: Students Anna and Ms. Lomon

- NTHS students helping 5 middle schools in the area at the Feeder's tournament.
- Leadership students helped with onboarding Grade 9 by touring NTHS School.
- Helping Dance teams
- Kindness Week (Planned for end of Feb –Pink Shirt day on Feb 26)
- Spring Break Spirit Week (Planned for week before spring break)
- Learning with leadership: Support, Cheerleader, "Stretch", Mentor-skills learned. Anna thanked Ms Lomon for her help to increase her confidence in interacting socially and public speaking.
- Students planning lip sync videos around the school
- Students participated at Winsport: Empowering women though sport event, Femal Olympians, Physiotherapists, Female trainers were part of the event. Teachers and students picked topics for discussion such as positive body image, menstruation during sports. These topics were summarized and presented at NTHS.
- Students Sawyer and Max designed the logo for Nighthawks Parents Society. Sawyer explained the design: wings and head inspired by athletics logo, logo made to resemble natural nighthawk, green strips were especially made to stand against the white background. The process took 2-3 weeks. The students used Adobe illustrator. The group thanked the students for their efforts and design.
- The theme for Black History Month this year is 'Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations'. Student Leaders of the Afro Caribbean Association (ACA) have been working on different activities to promote Black History Month such as Popcorn Sales in the moyis to raise funds for ACA events, Virtual daily Black History



Month quizzes released on the school Instagram, this or that trivia game at lunch, Bingo Activity in trail time classes with prizes and culture Day.

Principal's Report: Mr. Mike Bester

- Iftaar Dinner Celebration was well attended by students and families.
- Valentine's Day: Candygram going around
- Black History Month Awareness activities planned around school
- NTHS helped with Northern Lights School open house and Coventry Hills School Winter Festival
- NTHS helped with Coventry Hills and Northern Lights Dance in June
- Buddy Reading System in the works with Coventry Hills School
- NTHS donated extra small sized lockers to Valley Creek School
- Community Association have reached out to Mr. Mike Bester re garbage littering around school vicinity. Mr. Bester suggested a meeting with city Councillor, leadership students, and school council to resolve this issue. Suggestion by Dawn to utilize a large group of students during trail time to be seen by the neighboring communities while cleaning up garbage.
- Diploma exams completed last week. NTHS has one of the highest rates of student project completion.
- Portables construction starts end of Feb.
- April enquired if school boundaries be redrawn to allow more communities to be designated to NTHS. Mr. Bester explained the lottery system and priority criteria for admission for the lottery system (sibling preference, walk zone and drive zone). Lottery to be hosted on site on Feb 12, will be witnessed by secretary of school councils, Assistant Principals and director of transportation and planning to ensure process compliance.
- Projected number of oncoming Grade 9 is approx. the capacity that can be handled in the building around 1900-2100 students.

Key Communicator Report: Robert Brooks (report submitted by email)

1. ASCA Workshop offered by CBE Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees arranged for a system wide ASCA Workshop, Monday Feb. 24 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. Robert has registered and will provide a summary for the March meeting.

2. PowerSchool data breach.

Due to the PowerSchool data breach, everyone can sign up for 2 years of identity protection and credit monitoring services:

- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.globalidworks.com/identity1>
- Provide the **activation code: MPRT987RFK**
- The deadline to enroll is **May 30, 2025** (the code will not work after 11 a.m. MT on this date)
- For questions about the product or help with enrolment, please email globalidworks@experian.com

3. COSC Meeting

Next Community of School Council Meeting is April 23, 2025. Agenda has not been provided.



4. Reminder that the ASCE grant can be used to register for an ASCA workshop for our School Council or Parent Society.

https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops?utm_source=CBE-Connections&utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_campaign=CBE-Connections-Feb-2025

Tuesday, Feb. 25. Tools for Effective School Councils (\$400 – 25% discount for scheduled learning)

Resources, tips, templates and tools will be provided to help participants to understand the culture of their local community and basic volunteer psychology. An exploration of school community culture/barriers, volunteer motivation, and strategies to increase the effectiveness of school councils will be offered.

Monday, March 31: Effective Engagement in Your School Council (\$500 – 25% discount for scheduled learning)

School councils would like their school community to be dynamic, exciting places, where parents feel authentically engaged in supporting and enhancing student learning. Using local context, define effective engagement, identify existing challenges, explore possible solutions and create goals and plans focused on creating engagement opportunities for the school community which align with the expectations of the Assurance Framework.

Wed. March 12 or Tuesday, May 20: The Work of School Council (\$400 – 25% discount for scheduled learning)

School Councils often struggle with identifying the types of activities and work they should be doing in order to truly fulfil their legislated role. In this workshop, school councils are encouraged to examine what they are doing in relation to the Assurance Framework, their intended purpose and the intended result of their work, and then consider strategies to enhance school council's role in the school community, supporting the expectations of legislation and the Assurance Framework.

- Registration cut-off is 12 noon one week prior to the scheduled workshop
- Costs above do not include 5% GST
- Costs above do not include 5% credit card payment fee (when paying with ASCE grant card). Only the portion paid by the credit card is charged the 5% credit card payment fee.
- Fees are incremental – e.g. A \$400 workshop is \$400 - \$100 + \$15 + \$15.75 = \$330.75.

Decision on choice of workshop tabled to the next meeting for suitability of dates.

Chair Report: Stephanie Bissky

Acknowledgement of Black History Month and being open to happenings around school

New Business: Proposed AGM Date is June 4, 2025. Motioned by April, 2nd by Tavis. Motion carried.

Next Meeting March 5, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dawn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Notes Prepared by: Ashwini Kelkar (Secretary)

Notes Reviewed by Stephanie Bissky