



North Trail High School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:30 pm
Location: NTHS Learning Commons

Attendees: Stephanie Bissky (Chair), Tavis Settles (Vice Chair), Scott Murayama (Treasurer), Ashwini Kelkar (Secretary), Mike Bester (Principal), April Boutin, Arti Singh, Mujidek Oladejo, Sara Moores, Farah Mellott, Elaine Cohen, Claudiu Kereti, Victoria Settles

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm and **Land acknowledgement:** Stephanie Bissky

Safety Exits and Muster Points: Mr. Bester

Welcome and Introduction: Stephanie Bissky

Motion to approve Agenda, approved by Sara, 2nd Tavis

Motion to approve minutes from Sept 18, 2024. Motion tabled pending approval to next meeting.

Student Leadership Report: Ms. Lomon and students were unable to attend the meeting.

Principal Report: Mr. Mike Bester

- As of October 1, the school is funded for 2053 students.
- Single entry off a roadway causing traffic, Mr. Bester has reached out to Brenda Gibson (CBE transportation and Planning) who is part of a planning group with Calgary Transit, CPS, and City Council in an effort to streamline traffic.
- Administration working with community members by responding to emails. 150 students of Key Clubs connected to rotary will scout the surrounding neighborhoods for a community cleanup. Calgary Transit empty garbage once a week along their routes however with 5000 students in the neighboring schools more frequent garbage pick up at least once a day is needed.
- Students are expected of proper behavior and refrain from littering in the parking lot to prevent garbage from flying across to the neighboring houses.
- Art department will reach out to Laura Hack, Trustee for permission to install indigenous art on the concrete retaining wall along the staff and student parking lot to mitigate graffiti.
- Natural Sciences Biology Team is working with City of Calgary urban forest to enhance greenery around the soccer fields. Scientists discussed urban planning engaging the students.
- Construction of six portables will begin in January 2025 in the front end of the school within 150 meters of the fire hydrant as per code. This will eliminate previously proposed construction of a staircase. City will need to spend \$200000 to have the portables put at the back of the school instead of the front due to additional plumbing. The school capacity will still be at 2100 but portables will take the pressure off some classes.



- Incident at school on Sept 20. Under FOIP details cannot be provided. The superintendent, other agencies, has reviewed the incident and a discipline process established for student restitution. Different resources (YMCA) are tapped into as well as looking at NTHS school culture.
- Phone Usage Policy will be revisited next week to ensure safety and security. High school allows phone usage in between classes however, phones will not be allowed when going to the washroom and the cafeteria. Students are given passes to go to the washroom. According to the policy, Ministerial order and FOIP students' are not allowed to film on the phone without a teachers permission.
- Constable Officer is on site once a week. Engaged a group of students to distribute unclaimed amazon packages to those in need.
- Youth coach, Mason Pipes from YMCA assists in removing financial, medical barriers.
- Discussion initiated by Arti Singh with regards to Calgary Transit Bus Routes and students living in Panorama Hills community having to travel for up to 1.5 hours. Suggestion to gather and provide feedback to Calgary Transit (CLWARD@CALGARY.CA) Jasmine Miah, Councillor who will connect with Calgary Transit. Mr. Bester to discuss with Brenda Gibson, transporting coordinator. Tavis Scott will connect with Rajan Sawhney.
- Diploma Exam Results: Only 3 diplomas last June, 64 students approx. All students passed and scored 12 to 20% above the provincial average.

New Business: No New Business

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tavis. Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Notes Prepared by: Ashwini Kelkar (Secretary)

Notes Reviewed by Stephanie Bissky (Chair)