

School Council Meeting
September 24, 2019, 6:30 pm
Northern SS Library

Attendees: Abby D, Alexander D, Andrea S, Andy A, Beth L, Carmit F, Christina ML, Diana G, Donna P, Erika S, Gail A, Janice B, Jenn M, John I, Joseph B, Joyce J, Judy L, Judy S, Julia S, Karri P, Kasi K, Kristina T, Mary Ann S, Melissa R, Michelle M, Nancy L, Nancy L, Nili B, Paul O, Peggy J, Rita C, Sandra V, Scott dV, Sohinee R, Stephanie C, Steve S, Sue F, Tania O, Mr Marshall, Jenn Marr, Stephanie Signorile

Agenda

1) Welcome and Introductions- Tania O. and Rita C.

- Thank you to outgoing Council members and executive

2) Election- Alexander D. and Scott D.

Election procedures as outlined by the committee:

- A maximum of 19 council members is allowed, and an election is held if more than 19 candidates express interest. Invitation for anyone to withdraw name, but no one accepts. There are 25 interested candidates, so an election is held.

- Ballot lists candidate names (alphabetically) that were submitted online.

- Candidates who submit their name in person at the meeting have their name added to the ballot manually.

- Candidates have opportunity for one-minute introduction of self.

- If the candidate is not present, a written statement is read by a committee member.

- If the candidate is not present and no written statement is provided, their name is removed from the ballot.

- Each parent present can cast a maximum of 19 votes. If the ballot has more than 19 votes, the ballot is discarded.

- Ms. Signorile, Mr. Marshall, Scott, and Alexander collect ballots and count outside the library to select the voting members.

- At the 19th member council position, if there are multiple candidates with an equal number of votes, then those names are put in a hat to draw for final position.

- The voting members are announced, and voting members then vote for executive.
- Only parents/guardians of students enrolled in NSS are allowed to vote.
- The VP, Principal and teachers are not permitted to vote.

Election Committee Ballot Results

The 19 Parent Members elected were:

Gail Agensky, Andy Anderson, Janice Barnett, Stephanie Curtis, Rita Czarnecki, Abby Dwosh, Andrea Fowler, Diana Goldie, John Inglis, Kasi Kugapalan, Nancy Lee, Christina Mueller Lawrence, Tania Osmond, Karri Paradi, Sohinee Ray, Melissa Rosen, Steve Sims, Mary Ann Stewart, Kristina Teixeira

Election of Executive (by newly voted Parent Council members)

Co-Chairs: Tania Osmond and Rita Czarnecki were elected.

Co-Treasurers: Steve Sims and Janice Barnett were acclaimed.

Co-Secretary: MaryAnn Stewart was acclaimed.

3) Round-table Parent Discussion - Tania O.

- What do you want to know more about?
- Most interest in: list of extra-curricular clubs with locations and times, student safety, mental health, special learning needs

4) Operational matters

- Minutes from June 5 meeting- motion passed
- Appointment of Community Representative to 2019-2020 Council: Helen Aubrey- motion passed
- Council meetings this year: Oct 29, Dec 4, Jan 16, Feb 25, April 1, May 12

5) Budget Committee Report - Steve S.

- Draft budget is explained, to be approved by new Council next meeting.\
- Current budget is ending with a \$7100 surplus; have received \$19K in donations thus far
- Further fundraising to be considered

6) Principal's Report- Adam Marshall

Changes in education

- Staff last year 1648 FT students, now 1721 FT. 3 additional staff were requested to cover the 73 additional students. Currently, 742 of 900 grade 11 /12 students have one or 2 spares.
- Some visual arts and business courses are getting cut due to increased course size requirements.

Update on Northern's building

- The front yard will be seeded and paved so fence will move to south. Currently, it is a safety issue for students and pedestrians.
- Third floor gym bleachers are being replaced.
- Bike Club will operate in Rm 137. Maker space in Rm 126.

Job action

Q: Can we use an outside community volunteer to keep programs running?

A: We cannot bring in outside people due to labour contracts.

Next meetings: October 29, December 4