

Northern School Council Meeting (Draft)

February 23, 2023, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Attendees: Abby D., Adam Marshall, Andy A., Anna R., Beth L., Diana G., Diane C., Elena C., Janice B., Jen A., Jenni Marr, John B., Kristina T., Melissa R., Omar B., Tania O., Willem M.

Regrets: Natalie B., Everton L., Jonah J.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Janice B.

- Welcome
- Land acknowledgement
- Code of Conduct reviewed

Operational Matters

- Approval of Agenda - concern was raised about committee reports being deferred from the last meeting and put again, with motions, at the end of the meeting. The order was amended to put Treasurer and Bylaw reports and motions after the robotics presentation. Principal and committee updates would follow motions. Motion to approve: Tania O.; Seconded: Diane C. Carried.
- Approval of January 19, 2023 minutes - Motion to approve: Beth L.; Seconded: Diane C. Carried.

Co-chair Report – Andy A.

- We have been busy with course selection and budget considerations.

Special Presentation: Robotics Club. Club members and teacher showed their work through video and presentation, and told the council they would benefit from mentoring, and guidance in fundraising.

Treasurer’s Report – Jen Ankemann

- No new funding requests came in before the meeting; one was received the day of the meeting for \$1,680 to provide team jerseys for the girls’ ultimate frisbee team. This team is new and hasn’t received support in the past. The school budget for jerseys has been exhausted; therefore, Council funding was requested. Jerseys will remain at the school for multiple use. Motion to approve: Tania O.; Seconded: Diane C. Carried. Complete report is posted [here](#).

Bylaw Committee Report

- The TDSB has mandated that all School Councils update their bylaws according to a [template](#) they provided. The matter was referred to the bylaw committee in the Jan 19 meeting for review and a recommendation to vote on in the Feb 23 meeting. The committee was comprised of Willem M., Melissa R., Tania O., Omar B., John B., and Diana G.
- The committee report and draft changes were presented to Council for review, as well as Q and A opportunities with the committee, a week prior to this meeting.
- The committee made a motion to approve the draft amendments to the existing Constitution and Bylaws. Motion to approve: Tania O.; seconded: Melissa R.
- The chairs and the committee debated the value, purpose, enforceability, and legality of the Board's template.
- The motion was approved 9 to 5 (64% approval)
- In favour: Willem M., Kristina T., Elena C., Omar B., Melissa R., Jen A., John B., Tania O., Diane C.
- Opposed: Andy A., Janice B., Beth L., Anna R., Abby D.

Principal's Report – Adam

Due to a lack of time, the principal's report was deferred to the next meeting.

Subcommittee Updates

If you are interested in joining a subcommittee, please visit our website to learn more or reach out to School Council via email (nss.school.council@gmail.com).

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Motion to adjourn: Motion to approve: Beth L., Seconded: John B.. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

2022-23 Remaining Meeting Dates

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Wednesday, May 24, 2023