

Northern School Council Meeting

October 14, 2020, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Via Zoom)

Attendees: Laura A, Andy A, Janice B, Rita C, Grace D, Samir F, Andrea F, Diana G, Sabina H, Linda K, Ellie M, Tania O, Karri P, Sohinee R, Melissa R, Steve S, Mary Ann S, Adam Marshall,

Regrets: Abby D, Debbie L

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Tania O, co-chair

2019-2020 Wrap Up

- Tania began by thanking last years Council and the members who are moving on: Helen, Christina, Kasi, Kristina, John, Nancy, Gail and Stephanie
- Parent Council's goal is to improve student achievement and connection and we ask parents to contribute time and/or funds to help achieve that
- Last year we raised \$22,000 and supported many events and causes, including
 - Education advocacy
 - Funding requests from teams and clubs
 - GAC workshops
 - LD support
- We screened the film ScreenAgers 2 for parents and all students
- We updated our website and logo
- We created a new School Council email list
- During Covid we created a new Parent Survival Chalkboard with interesting links to keep parents engaged and informed during lockdown
- We formed a new committee to work with the School and the City on the new shelter at the Roehampton Hotel across the street

2020-2021 Election

Former council members Helen Aubry and Christina Lawrence formed the election committee. The 19 members for this school year were acclaimed, as were the executive positions.

Returning members are:

1. Andy Anderson
2. Janice Barnett - Co-chair
3. Rita Czarnecki
4. Abby Dwosh - Co-treasurer
5. Andrea Fowler
6. Diana Goldie
7. Tania Osmond - Co-chair
8. Karri Paradi
9. Melissa Rosen
10. Sohinee Ray - Co-secretary

11. Steve Sims - Co-treasurer
12. Mary Ann Stewart - Co-secretary

New Members are:

13. Samir Fahs
14. Laura Aguilar
15. Sabina Holder
16. Linda Kennedy
17. Debbie Levy
18. Grace De Souza
19. Ellie Morch

- Goals for 2020-2021 are simpler due to Covid
- There is currently a moratorium on fundraising
- We are open to ideas from all parents on how to build connections to the school (for students and parents) and to help connect everyone to information and resources

Principal's Report - Adam Marshall

Missed classes - teachers can't be mandated to film or stream their classes. It's their choice to do it or not.

Positive Covid test process

- School admin has been phoning students calling in sick to follow up
- Once they know there is a positive result, several different parties need to be notified (maintenance staff, faculty, etc)
- A report goes to Toronto Public Health (TPH) as soon as possible
- TPH will confirm the positive result and refer it to a communicable disease investigator
- NSS will send an email to the entire school to notify them about the positive result and another email to the class/cohort about self-isolating
- The TPH investigator decides the number of days the students need to self-isolate, if they need to get tested, etc.
- If there is no second infection the cohort may be allowed by TPH to return to school earlier
- If a teacher is self-isolating, they must deliver their classes virtually on assigned days (i.e. if Teacher and Day 2 cohort are self-isolating, teacher must deliver a virtual class to those students on Day 2)
- Teachers are also expected to continue to deliver afternoon synchronous learning
- On the teacher's other mornings (i.e. the cohorts not self-isolating) the school will use a supply teacher or other staff for in-person teaching (the teacher may opt to log in virtually for this class as well but it's their choice)
- Siblings of a cohort are not required to self-isolate unless there is a direct association with the positive case. Siblings are asked to self-monitor and continue attending classes.

- The cohort that has been self-isolating is not required to have a negative Covid test prior to returning; that is not necessary because of the 14 day self-isolation.

**** Please contact your Vice-Principal with any questions about the Covid process ****

Exams

- TDSB has decided there will be no final exams for courses in Q1 or Q2.
- Adam feels the wording is unclear at this point in time and is looking for clarification on how the final mark will be composed
- Having only 2 days for exams makes it hard for students who have been self-isolating and missed classes, or are self-isolating at the time
- Exams days may be used to make up for previously missed tests or other work
- Teachers are being asked to spread out the testing and other work, vs one big mark at the end of the term, to keep it as fair as possible in case of students self-isolating

Looking ahead:

October 21 - Grade 9 Parent Chat, 7-8 pm (email nss.school.council@gmail.com for link)

October 22 - GAC meeting

October 27 - Parent Council meeting

Date TBD: Study Skills info session, Post Secondary Planning info session, Ask Adam #2