



Norwood Park School Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Norwood Park Student Council was held at Norwood Park School at 605pm on September 20th, 2022.

Attendees

Shannon-Leigh Chandler, Angela Larson, Kim Baker, Shauna DeWolfe, Amber Yorke, Michelle Lawrie, Natasa Popovic, Lacey Lindstrand, Ashlea Marquez, Jamie Anderson Farrugia, Heather Hillen, Lisa Major, Carolyn Reid, Stevie Kenyon, Ruby Brar, Jim Pollock

Virtual Attendees

Caitlin May, Stephanie Smith, Sarah Teene, Darryl Chandler, Christian De Cloet, Denise Bedell, Frehiwot Pochaev, Krystal Jackson, M Trieu, Lauren O'Malley, George, Courtney, Sam Dowhaniuk. MP, Anonymous

Members not in attendance

N/A

Approval of Agenda

Land Acknowledgment

Requested by Ashlea Marquez we start with the Land Acknowledgement

Principal shares meeting norms as set out by HWDSB

Vote set forth

Confusion over vote. Incorrect ballot due to incorrect nomination forms. Vote carried out in person and virtually.

Vote complete

Elected Executives

Chair- Shannon Leigh Chandler

Co-Chairs- Angela Larson / Jamie Anderson-Farrugia

Secretary- Lacey Lindstrand

Co-Secretary- Ashlea Marquez

Treasurer- Stephanie Smith

Principal Report

Reorg is not finalized. Should be finalized by Sept 21st. Deadline for reorg is Sept 21st by 1600hr.

Childcare for future meetings can be provided by HWDSB. Parents can email the principal 1 week prior to meetings to determine the number of parents needing child minding. Principal will then contact HWDSB to arrange child minding during meeting. Student body is encouraged to elect a student rep to attend meetings to voice their needs. Generally, this is for grade 8 student leaders.

Bussing; is on ongoing issue. Administration has been in constant contact with HWSTS about delayed bussing and communication to parents. Parents are encouraged to contact office admin and/or HWSTS to voice concerns over bussing issue. Current route and timing are not working well. All staff are aware and trying to correct and fix the issue. Good news, all buses on September 20th arrived to school on time, despite messages being sent of a delay.

Question asked about the process for the students while waiting for buses to arrive. Principal reported that student wait outside under supervision. If it's raining or poor outside conditions they will move to the gym.

Bussing issue is a HWSTS issue and all concerns need to be addressed with them. Office staff is finished at 1600hr; therefore no one is available in the office to answer calls as all remaining staff is attending to the students waiting for bussing.

Use of playground equipment in the morning; Issue of equipment was brought forward. The rule is when a parent is present, they are in charge of the student and behaviour. After school playground equipment for students waiting for the bus is not permitted.

Parking; ongoing issue. Hoping with improvements to bussing, parking will improve. Parents are asked not to park in or utilize staff parking lot. Use of church parking lot and street parking is encouraged where legally permitted.

Question asked about having parent volunteers present to move cars along during pickup and drop off.

Principal: This could be done however previous experience demonstrated that it can lead to verbal abuse. Will be discussed in more depth at later meeting.

Home and school Update:

Heather Lambert-Hillen, Next meeting set for Tuesday, September 27th at 1900hr outside in the school parkade. HSA National has provided all insurance for H&S events for HSA in good standing.

New business

Meeting dates set forth for the year.

Oct 25th, Nov 29th, Feb 28th, Apr 25th

Council expresses a desire for additional monthly meetings. Council will discuss these meetings with Rhonda when she returns Oct 7th, 2022.

Any further questions or statements?

Where is Norwood Park's wampum being stored/displayed?

Dianne: Location is unknown. Expresses regret on this matter and vows to locate and make sure it is visible and accessible to staff, students and visitors.

Billy: Reminder that childcare will be accessible to parents desiring to attend in person. Reach out to admin if needed.

Motion to conclude meeting put forth by Principal

Motion to be seconded was not requested

Meeting adjourned

Lacey K. Lindstrand

Secretary

Date of approval