



BNC School Council Meeting - January 29, 2024 - Minutes

November 27, 2023 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, the agenda for tonight's meeting has been modified from that one.

Welcome: Yvonne Stahlmann, *School Council Chair* and Kim Hand, *Principal*

Land Acknowledgement - Kim Hand

Introductions: All in attendance (name, student at North, items you are interested in hearing about), or name and your connection to the school (attendance taken on a separate page, will not be shared for confidentiality reasons)

Presentation: None this month

School / Principal update: Kim Hand - provide updates on recent events and upcoming events at the school

School updates:

- Leadership fundraiser buy-in for sports last week – girls' volleyball
- EQAO grade 9 math testing – 3 days – will discuss more later
- Literacy results for fall semester – students have been given results and North's results overall and throughout the Board were very impressive – there is a second opportunity to write this again for students if needed, these students will be contacted for follow up
- Feedback recovery and improvement – announcements have been made for students and teachers have talked to students about this process during class time; for the last few weeks assessments, culminating tasks, tests, exams, portfolios, projects, products, etc, were provided to students to allow students be successful in their courses – the message that has been conveyed to students by teachers and on VTV Announcements is: Everyone is invited to attend and need to be focused and in classes working on those days. (More details later as well.)



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- Sports and other activities that are going on – very busy with many sports both intramural and school teams competing. Lots of opportunity to get involved.
- December – staff did a number of fundraisers and gift cards were purchased to help throughout the community and students
- Grade 8 Open House was January 17 – many attended
- Enrolment is up for next semester including students and families that are new to Canada enrolments – the school admin are working with community partners to make this a successful start for them.

Teacher Representative: Minky Archbell provided an update report.

Teacher Rep updates:

- Writing / publishing club has been established – Le Papillion – who will collaborate with the MacLaren Art Centre to create bus advertisements which will engage the public by asking for feedback via QR code to tell them about “your first love”. The responses will be published in Edition 3 near the end of the second semester. Students should keep an eye out for the ads inside city busses from February through to the end of March
- VTV – Just a reminder for parents that they can watch VTV on YouTube daily and see all the great things going on at North! Your support is greatly appreciated! Here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@VikingTVBarrie/streams>
- Guidance -February, course selection month, all students need to have their courses picked for the 2024-2025 school year by March 1 at the latest – There will be many course promos, announcements and on February 9 during period 2, there will be a Course Fair. Parents and Guardians can see the course information on the website under the Guidance Department tab. Students will be called down by grade/ with their classes to choose their courses and for advice on course selection – with the exception of Grade 11 students who are encouraged to book a Gr 11 Interview to discuss post-secondary pathway options and receive advice for course selection independently.



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- Canines in the classroom – celebration last week where 7 students finished the program this semester. There are 13 students for semester 2. The group also did a buddy visit with Oakley Park and will be adding Steel Street as a partner school next semester.
- Arts Beat – Last Thursday the school changed up their ArtsBeat program so that it will be running 2 times per year. The last Artsbeat we had the highest turnout yet, and it was wonderful to see the students engaging with our visitors to be able to explain their art projects and enjoy music supplies by the Jazz Band
- ECOs team will be running a clothing drive next week for Youth Haven in Barrie.

Student Representative: Student Activity Council President - Rowyn Dinsmore (Student President)

Student Rep updates:

- Dance 02-29-2024: DECA selling food – theme Old Hollywood – the cost for tickets will be \$10 online and the school will be holding some back for in-person sales as well in the front office.
- Entrepreneurship club with SAC – Valentine’s day sale of Candy Grams will start soon
- Athletic rep, welcoming Victoria Bourne to the group, she plays girls rugby and knows many of the athletes in the school.
- Girls rugby buy-in is being planned for in the Spring
- K-Cup – great fun but North didn’t know the dance so we were “booed” – would like more notice and opportunity to practice the all schools dance and their own North Dance. This event provided Fundraising for Christmas Cheer – we also did fundraiser and donations in school as well.

Special Guests (if any): None

Special Guest updates:

School Council Chair: Yvonne Stahlmann

- Grade 8 Night – Wednesday January 17, 2024 – This event went well, but it felt like there was little awareness of the Community Resources that were participating in the Library. Hopefully there can



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be some more promotion of this next year at Grade 8 Open House night.

Items for discussion:

As discussed at our October meeting, we were going to revisit this.

1. Fundraising ideas – food program – food availability for students

a. Overview of concern / issue brought forward at last meeting – looking for potential fundraising ideas: Kim Hand - please see the notes from last month's meeting.

b. In school opportunities – fundraisers

- North's Wellness committee has been discussing the needs that are being seen related to food access for students – partnered with 2 cooking classes for creation of food in more spaces and are using in-school fridges and freezers for storage of this food.
- Student success has bagels etc. – food also available in other spaces like the Lodge and more Café Cash is now available.
- Fox's Bakery – the school is working with them and has inquiries in to try and get food donated
- COBBS bakery – may donate to schools – we need to look further into this.
- Dino's pizza have donated tickets for free slices and a pop for students.
- Good Food box program – SAC will be helping with creation of the boxes and promoting this to students for additional helping hands – The were also asking if money could be donated to help decrease the costs of this program for those in need in our Community - Fundraising money could go to this to help with this project.
- Donations of food from members of community has been occurring and being distributed as needed.



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- Green Industry courses / interest for interior and exterior courtyards is a focus for Ms. Hand hopefully for next year – could be included in Tech courses and could help students to understand how to build their own sustainable gardens and food sources.
- Gardening Club – Environmental Science Course – green space renewal – looking for interest in this amongst the students which may also include different and appropriate use of court yards for next few years – to increase use and make these more sustainable for student use.

c. Ideas brought forward: All

- i. Domino's pizza night – Yvonne will look into
- ii. Wendy's food nights – Yvonne will look into
- iii. Quesada offers discounts for North students – I will get encourage Kunal to provide this information to the SAC President for promotion.

d. Concerns voiced?: Any / All

None noted.

e. Who will assist / organise / run / create communications:

- i. Rowyn will reach out to Good Food Box
- ii. Yvonne will reach out to Quesada
- iii. Yvonne will reach out to Domino's

2. Pro-Grant Application: Is it available this year? What would we like to use it for? *(purpose to bring parents / school community into the school / together for learning purposes)*

- a. Things that have been done previously: magnets; sticky notes; presentations i.e. Online Safety for Students, psychologists or special interest speakers; partnering with other schools for special events / presentations;
- b. How do we know what information / guidance parents/guardians need / want to know more about? Could we do an online survey?



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- c. Eastview Secondary School has approached us about working together to bring in a guest speaker – Want to know if we are interested – Careers/ Supporting Teens with Mental Health /
- d. Council thoughts / ideas: **School Council stand up sign / banner for special events, i.e. Grade 8 night.**

It was decided that the sign / banner and the guest speaker would be great events to run, and that if there is money left over that it would be spent on pens as handouts to parents. There are also tote bags that are available that will be handed out to parents at second semester Teacher interview night.

3. Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics: January 23-26, 2024 these assessments took place.

- a) How did they go? Went well – done in class – computerized only option
- b) What was the process (so grade 9 parents can understand this). After next semester when Math is completed for grade 9
- c) What happens with results? Teachers get results automatically and are used for helping to determine marks.

OSSLT – writes in the fall and in the spring – with 2 opportunities for students to pass – April sometime - + literacy course available

4. Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Days: January 29 - February 1, 2024

- a) How does this work? - students follow their regular schedule but they can arrange with the next teacher and ask if it is ok to go back and work with their class teacher where they need recovery work completed - Resource is also available – Everyone is invited to attend – some receive invitations from the teachers specifically to attend – all can receive feedback – cafeteria closed during these days – food still available through eat for success **** if you are here, you are here to work ****

4. Course Calendar Selections for 2024-2025 School Year: How does this process occur (for new and returning parents who may not



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be aware of the process). (See Guidance update in Principal's update)

- **Called down by grade** – courses are done on My Blueprint and parents have access to this – SERTs will also be available and Ms Shillington will be having conversations with at risk students - Guidance counsellors look at every students course selections – Grade 10 is academic, applied, open and locally developed – grade 11 also workplace level courses

6. School Improvement / Upcoming changes?

- Currently no need for another portable and we can fit all students in – with 4 free classes right now for some flexibility = max occupancy for rooms - forecasting will be received in June for projections of new housing and students within our catchment area.

Upcoming Events at the school:

- February 2, 2024 - PD Day - Secondary Only - turn around day between semesters
- February 5, 2024 - first day of Semester 2
- February 19, 2024 - Family Day (stat) - no school
- February 26, 2024 - School Council Meeting - 7pm
- March Break - March 11 to 15, 2024
- REMINDER to all parents to ensure that they are checking the simcoecountyschoolbus.ca site for bus cancellations - Barrie North is within the CENTRAL area on this site.

Any thoughts on items you would like brought to these meetings?

- Representatives from SHSM programs to discuss the programs so parents understand what is available, how they run, what benefit they provide to students.
- Skills Ontario / Canada information
- Someone from The Lodge, Grad Coaches, OYAP, Special Education - discuss support available -
- Other projects such as the Urban Canopy project - to create parent awareness



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- Community resources - Barrie Library, Board approved travel companies that provide trips for students outside of school year, etc. EDUTRAVEL
- Guidance Office staff to describe the services they provide or access for student assistance - could also be Student Success
- By-law Officer – Smoke Free Ontario re: smoking and vaping

Questions or concerns raised by Council meeting attendees:

None tabled.

Reminder: Spirit Wear is available for **ordering February 5 to 15 with delivery March 7 - 9, 2024, April 1 - 14, 2024 with delivery the week of May 6, 2024, and May 1 - 14, 2024 with delivery the first week of June** All Spirit Wear is ordered online - please check out the Barrie North Collegiate website under "*Our School*" - "[SPIRIT WEAR](#)"

Discussion regarding having the Spirit Wear company come out to Parent/Guardian Teacher interview night so that parents / students / everyone can see sizing and styles available and be able to order items at that time as well (maybe with use of debit / credit and/or possibly cash as well).

Upcoming School Council Meetings:

- **February 26, 2024**
- **March 25, 2024**
- **April 29, 2023**
- **May ? (none mentioned)**
- **June 3, 2024** (if there is time / interest / need)

Please check the North website for information and links to important items and updates! Nor.scdsb.on.ca Did you know there is also a link to the SCDSB on our site? Check it out for more information about what is happening or special events through the Board.

Meeting closed at: 8:18 pm