

Northern Lakes K-12 School Council Minutes

Date: Monday March 4, 2024

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Space: Northern Lakes K-12 School- park near the daycare. Go through the front doors and through the main office, meet in the room to the left

Members: Carly Skrenski, Brooke Caul, Julie Slack, Lorraine Gauthier Stromberg , Erica Lantin, Leah Pfeifer, Erin Williams, Sylvie Cyr, Tammy Faykes, Stacey Wood and Kristin St. Pierre

Regrets: Julie Slack, Tammy Faykes, Stacey Wood

1. Call to Order – 5:00 pm
2. Approval of Agenda – 1st Sylvie, 2nd Kristin
3. Confirmation of Minutes from January 15th meeting – 1st Erin, 2nd Lorraine
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – as needed
5. Unfinished Business
 - NLS staff treat baskets were delivered to school Feb 6th
 - Google shared word document started to share ideas for letter to send to MOE regarding labour shortages – **ACTION: Julie to start and share**
 - Email sent to members regarding providing feedback due to Mrs. Skrenski for Student achievement plan
 - Dress code awareness to be shared to parents/guardians/students/NLS website. RRDSB is revamping the dress code and it will be shared with everyone once it is finished.
 - Facebook post on NL school page was made regarding trying to recruit new school council members
6. New Business
 - Welcome to new member Kristin
 - Preparation for school wide community event in April – NWHU to bring list of community members for us to talk about contacting
 - o Date for Northern Lake Community Open House is April 23, 2024 from 6pm – 730 pm in Grayson Hall
 - o **ACTION:** poster to be made for advertising - BROOKE
 - o email list of community members - BROOKE
 - o student and adult draw items to be purchased - BROOKE
 - o draw containers and ballot paper and pens to be set up at door for entries – SYLVIE
 - o water bottles, wrapped snacks and napkins to be purchased, fruit skewers to be ordered – BROOKE
7. Principal Report
 - Athletics – wrapped up winter season court sports (almost); SBBB made it to OFSAA and are currently in Welland, ON
 - Nordic skiing had a season, despite the weather
 - Curling went to NWOSSA this week

- Outers – wrapping up winter season this week with Overnight Walk; very uneven season, weather-wise
- 7&8 basketball is underway; Grade 4 & 5 archery happening now
- Elementary K-6 hosted Family Literacy Day on January 31
- Report cards went home for first semester / term February 12
- Kindergarten registration was February 28; option sheets for next year's grade 9-12 students started this week. St. Pat's students to fill out Wednesday.
- Mental Health Champions continue to bring positivity and share school-wide activities and events
- Student attendance, special needs are very pressing issues
- Biggest issue continues to be staffing. We have several staff out on extended leaves for various reasons and it is extremely taxing on our casual supply lists. Trying to maintain support for our highest needs students is the most challenging.

8. Teacher Reports:

Erica – Feb. was black history month, makers space is well received by grades 4, 5 and 6, looking to attend a virtual archery tournament at the end of April for grades 4&5

Sylvie – mid terms for term 2 are coming up, 7&8 girls Bball was in Devlin this past weekend, 7&8 boys Bball have a tournament at the end of March

9. Student report from Leah – student council is holding a spirit week when school resumes after the march break, new banners have been ordered and are being used for sporting events

10. Community updates:

Lorraine – able to see many kids through the school setting and is happy to have a room to use on site, looking at starting small group sessions for kids, very busy with lots of student needs

Tammy (NWHU) - March is Nutrition Month - The virtual, Canada-wide Great Big Crunch (GBC) is on March 7 at 1 p.m. CST. This year the Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program (NFVP) is delivering CARROTS and APPLES to K-8 schools

- April is Dental Health Month
- Solar Eclipse Safety - A partial solar eclipse will be visible in our region on April 8th, 2024. During any solar eclipse, it is imperative to wear special glasses with filters designed for eclipse watching (ISO 12312-2 international standard) to prevent eye damage. Regular sunglasses will not protect your eyes sufficiently.
- Staying Safe with Needles - The snow is melting early this year, and discarded needles may appear. it is important for children to know what to do if they find a needle or other sharp objects on the ground. Remind children that there are many things on the ground that can harm them and teach them not to touch anything that they find on the ground that does not belong to them.

11. Final meeting – May 6th 2024 from 5-6 pm

12. Adjournment at 5:55 pm