



**Norwood Park School Council Agenda**

**January 13, 2026**

**6:15pm – 7:15pm**

**Music Room**

**Attendees:**

In Person: Caitlin Evans (Principal), Mary Hannikainen (Vice-Principal), Janelle Gallacher (Teacher), Shannon-Leigh Chandler (Chair), Saran Forbes (Secretary), Lisa Major (Equity Committee Chair), Tom Overgaard, Tuyen N, Amber Yorke, Courtney Mitchell, Kristina Llewellyn

Online Attendees: Frehiwot Pachaev, Meera Shan, Megan Dickson

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Land Acknowledgement	Done by Mme Evans
Welcome	
Approval of Last Meeting Minutes	Approved
Approval of Current Agenda	Approved
Reports	<p><b>Chair Report</b>-Shannon-Leigh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pizza/pita pit back and running post holidays</li> <li>▪ Spirit wear was completed before the holidays and went well</li> <li>▪ Holiday lunch went off well, lots of volunteers</li> </ul> <p><b>Equity Committee</b>-Lisa Major</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First newsletter went out in Dec</li> <li>▪ Second newsletter about anti-black racism</li> </ul>

- Janice and Stephanie are doing bulletin board initiative. Dec was holidays around the world. Jan is accessibility and disability (feature on ADHD, sidewalks/ramps, Paralympics).
- **Thursday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> is the anti-black racism event.** Ask is to spread the word and attend. Childcare will be provided. Shared with teachers who shared on their IG or Blog to let families know. Mme Evans will also be share with feeder schools.
- From Tom- update on bringing in the Moccasin Identifier. They hold presentations divided by age group to walk through information and do a hands-on project. The prices have jumped. It went from \$1,000- \$3,500. Mme Evans will reach out to the school's Indigenous lead to see if there are other organizations we can reach out to. Lisa also has a contact that does school presentations that she would contact. She discusses her film and her personal story.

**Treasurer Report-** Shannon-Leigh Chandler

- \$6,000 left to spend:
  - Paid \$2,000 for nutrition, \$1,300 for technology, \$1,100 for holiday lunch, \$1,000 to robotics, DPA equipment was \$750.
- Earned \$3,000 from pizza, \$3,000 from pita each + \$1,000 from Spirit Wear.
- Parent council members approved the below to be paid:
  - \$2,000 spending towards library to purchase French language books and books that represent our communities.
  - \$2,000 towards graduation
  - \$5,000 technology kit for iPads

- ~\$450 requested to be used to supplement the pro grant for the equity committee and include refreshment.
- Reminder from parents about the DPA equipment being returned.

**Principal Report-Mme Caitlin Evans**

- Remains part time for the interim period. Ian Pellizzari continues to support the school if Caitlin Evans or Mary Hannikainen is out.
- Shared the EQAO results; school continues to trend upward. According to Fraser Institute report card we are the #1 school in the board.
- Elevator being installed at Norwood. Estimated to start July and estimated completion is December 2026. Space will be taken from the library and a classroom upstairs.
- Holiday luncheon was successful, brought together the community. Well organized and flowed well. Students enjoyed.
- DPA equipment purchased with the donated funds and the funds of another fundraiser.
- Update from Vice-Principal Mary Hannikainen
  - starting February Grades 4-9 will participate in the annual student well-being survey. The survey is anonymous and done electronically on ipads in the classroom. Students will have 30 days to complete. Teachers discuss the meaning of the questions where needed. Topics include safety, belonging, screen habits, eating/sleeping, bullying, identity. It happens annually.
  - As a part of HWDSB policy in lines with Truth & Reconciliation, the school is

	<p>working towards incorporating Indigenous education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Palisades Concept – Framework (The Why)</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Education Plan – Content (What)</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Runner Model – Process (How)</li> <li>▪ Together- it is integrated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Teacher Report-Mme Janelle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Senior boys and girls basketball teams started their season last year and won</li> <li>▪ February is candygrams that students can order and have delivered on Valentine’s day (done last year as well)</li> <li>▪ Soccer tournament Feb 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>▪ Robotics team won their competition and moving to Provincials Feb 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>▪ 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is coming up with a pancake breakfast on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> (done on Pancake Monday to avoid conflicts with Pita Pit Day). It will be available for all students with parent consent. Home &amp; School looking into halal and gluten free options.</li> <li>▪ Grade 3s, 4s and 5s going on field trips.</li> <li>▪ The play will be shown to students mid February</li> <li>▪ Carnivale Feb 6</li> </ul> <p><b>Home &amp; School-No update</b></p>
New Business	<p>February 24<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.</p> <p>Other meeting dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup></p>
Adjournment	7:08PM