

## **ANNUAL REPORT: Norwood Park School Council**

September 2025 – June 2026

As we conclude another successful school year, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support and active involvement. I would like to thank our School Council members this year for their efforts and dedication.

Throughout the year, we have achieved numerous milestones and embarked on exciting initiatives, all made possible by your contributions and enthusiasm. School Council had a few big programs this year:

- Delivering exciting fresh lunches twice a week is an important initiative put on by school council. It gives students the chance for some of their favourite foods delivered to them hot and ready, it gives parents a little help in packing lunches and it gives back to the school with each purchase! Thank you for supporting pizza and pita days!
- Council members also happily ran the book fair twice this year. Getting students engaged in reading in both languages while earning books for our classrooms and library.
- Council has a very active and engaging subcommittee: The Equity Committee! They meet often to come up with supportive ways to build on the initiatives the school and board have. They provide a wonderful lending library with many resources. They also publish a quarterly newsletter packed full of great information. Among many other things they also head our PRO Grant planning. PRO Grant (Parents Reaching Out) provides schools with an application process to gain funds to support resources or events engaging parents. This year we had a wonderful evening with GET REAL. An Anti-black racism workshop.

School Council is so very grateful for every time you supported one of our fundraisers! Pizza Day, Pita Day, Spirit Wear Orders and Bookfair allow us to provide the school with extra monetary support to help boost resources and supplies!

- With all your support and purchases at the Scholastic Bookfair we were able to buy over \$4000 in new books for our school!
- From our pizza and pita sales we could provide things like new DPA and Physical Education equipment. We were able to subsidize some excursions and events to make costs lower or give a boost to events like; our Grade 8 Commencement ceremony, the holiday lunch and the PRO Grant. We were also able to buy needed new technology (iPads), support the nutrition program and run supportive workshops for the staff and students!

Our school council meetings have been a cornerstone of our collaborative efforts. These meetings have provided a platform for sharing ideas, discussing important matters, and planning for the future. Your insights and perspectives have greatly influenced our decisions and helped shape the direction of our school.

As we look forward to the next academic year, we encourage you to continue your active involvement. Your presence at our school council meetings is crucial, and we warmly invite you to join us in these gatherings.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment. We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warmly,

Shannon-Leigh Chandler