



NORTH SURREY SECONDARY PAC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

1/16/2024 7:03 PM | Meeting called to order by Parm. H

In Attendance

PAC Chair: Parm H., **Vice Chair:** Kim T., **Treasurer:** Shubha S., **Secretary:** Jatinder J., **DPAC:** Elwira W.,
School Principal: Stefan Stipp **Vice Principals:** Diane Christensen (not present), Mohinder Khaira (not present)
Parent/Guardian Attendees: Basma, Andrea, Lyndsey, Megan, Elisa, Meeta, Manu

Approval of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the November 2023 meeting was made by Kim T, seconded by Shubha S., approved.

We are missing the May 2023 Minutes and unfortunately will have to do without them. We will ensure better management of the Minutes moving forward.

Principal's Report

1. January and February Calendar

- a. January 15: Black Shirt Day which is a grassroots initiative to show solidarity with Black and racialized communities in B.C. in their ongoing struggle for equity, equality and justice. Some of our teachers will show a province wide video celebrating this even with their classes. Our very own Jerimiah Brooks is one of the speakers.
- b. Jan 23: Grade 9 Immunizations
- c. Jan 25-26: Drama Winter Showcase
- d. Feb 9: Lunar New Year Celebration
- e. Jan 25-Feb 1: Grad photos (need to be booked online at artona.com)
- f. Jan 30 & 31: Semester completion days. Students who have finished their courses don't attend
- g. February is Black History Month and there will be a host of activities at NSS celebrating Black achievements.
- h. Feb 1: Semester 2 starts
- i. Feb 7: Semester 1 report cards published on Myedbc
- j. Feb 7 at 6:00 PM: Course Planning parent information evening
- k. Feb 28: Pink shirt day
- l. Feb 29 at 6:00 PM: Grade 7 parent information evening
- m. March 4 - 8: First Peoples in Residence Week – Indigenous presentations, workshops and performances. Every student will experience at least one.

2. Athletics

Basketball season is in full swing. Senior girls just came in second in Surrey Fire Fighters Tournament Ladder Division. Grade 8 boys won a tournament before Christmas and keep winning. Senior boys currently in the Surrey RCMP Tournament. Other teams are competing hard as well.

3. Dance

District Breakout Competition Results

- a. GRADE 8 CLASS - SILVER
- b. INT CLASS - GOLD *TOP STUDENT CHOREO Award
- c. BHANGRA - 5TH (out of 10)

- d. BREAK - 1ST & *TOP STUDENT CHOREO Award
- e. JRS - 3RD (out of 13)
- f. SRS - 3RD (out of 15)

4. Drama

Amazing results at various competitions at SFU, Nanaimo and UVIC.

5. Planning for September 2024

a. Grade 7 Visits

We met with our feeder school principals today to kick off the grade 7 Articulation process. In February a counsellor and I will be visiting all the feeder schools to introduce them to our school. In April the feeder school teachers will come here to discuss our incoming students so we can program them effectively while their students tour our school and engage in various activities.

b. Course Planning

This process starts later this month with counsellors and administrators visiting classes. All the information students need to plan their next year's course can be found on our website under: Resources and Admission □ Course Planning □ *Student Learning Guide*. Each department has taken great care to create thoughtful, informative, and engaging learning guides that clearly explain the learning opportunities in each course. The *Course Planning Tools* are also helpful in selecting courses for next year.

6. End of Semester One

Reminder to our parents/guardians that January 30 and 31 are completion days and there are no scheduled classes and that semester two starts February 1st.

7. Provincial Assessments

Grade 10 and 12 Literacy Assessments are written when students take their grade 10/12 English courses. Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments are written when students take their grade 10 Math courses. If students take any of those courses elsewhere (ex. Summer school/ SAIL), they need to see their counsellor to ensure they get scheduled to write them.

8. Explorations in Aviation District Program at North Surrey Secondary

We are excited to be the host school for the Explorations in Aviation District Program with Mr. Aliwalas for its fourth year. The program is one semester in length with classes at North Surrey and at BCIT. It is an amazing opportunity for students to learn and develop

9. Communication

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Website – www.surreyschools.ca/northsurreysecondary

App – Download NSS Spartans App via iTunes or GooglePlay

School Sign – Make sure to see the updates on our school sign

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report ...Report presented by treasurer. Gaming account total is: \$40724.86 General Account total is: \$6046.01 Our total cash position is: \$46770.87.

The request from the Drama club for \$3180 was approved at our last meeting, however there appears to be a discrepancy and they will need \$30 more. The Executive was asked if they approved of an increase of \$30 to the Drama Club and it was approved.

DPAC Report ... Next meeting is January 24th, 2024. More to report after this meeting.

Dry Grad Committee...has officially become a sub-committee of the PAC. It's a different economic landscape this year and suppliers have increased prices, but the committee is hopeful they can meet the challenge. They are estimating they will sell 200 tickets at \$100 per ticket for Dry Grad. More fundraisers are planned, please check the Instagram page for more information.

Communications

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday March 13, 2024 7:00 pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.