

Nantyr Shores Secondary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. @ school library

Attendance: Brian MacIsaac, Joan Osawe, Danny Vaz, Lesley Sterling, Jennifer Richardson, Rachel Grinman, Lee Belisle, Rosalia Primavera, Margaret McCormack, Patricia Nenoff, Myrlene Boken, Melinda Brennan, Lisa Waddell, Christine Munro, Christine Gomes, Sanesha Steele, Cynthia Gordon, Shannon Laflamme, Haley Leriche, Max Knyazhevskiy, Alison Lockhart McGreger, Shiri Bartman, Mary MacFarlane, Anna Nudel, Sue Abraham, Radwa Mohamed

Regrets: Lisa Suelzle, Shelly-Ann Skinner

Welcome and Introductions – Principal Brian MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves. Principal MacIsaac reviewed the election procedures for school council and confirmed that 50% + 1 members are required for quorum at future meetings. He advised electing a smaller group of official parent representatives, but the consensus was to welcome everyone interested to council. Parents not serving on council were invited to attend all future meetings and continue to express their concerns. Principal MacIsaac stated that nominees must be present in order to be elected to council, so two applicants* were excluded from the selection process, but following the meeting he confirmed this was an error and they would be permitted to join the council, so they have been added to the list below.

Election of School Council

The following positions were uncontested, and nominees were appointed to council by acclamation:

Co-Chairs:	Lesley Sterling Jennifer Richardson
Secretary:	Anna Nudel
Parent Reps:	Lee Belisle Melinda Brennan Shiri Bartman Shannon Laflamme Mary MacFarlane Lisa Waddell Margaret McCormack Haley Leriche Rosalia Primavera Christine Munro Rachel Grinman <i>Lisa Suelzle*</i> <i>Shelly-Ann Skinner*</i>
Principal:	Brian MacIsaac
Staff Rep:	Danny Vaz
Student Rep:	Radwa Mohamed
Community Rep:	Myrlene Boken (C4Kids)

Mary MacFarlane resigned from the position of Parent Representative due to a scheduling conflict and confirmed this after the meeting. With 19 council members, 10 are required for quorum at future meetings.

Selection of Dates and Times:

First Monday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.

Next meetings: **Monday, October 2**

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Monday, November 6
Monday, December 4 (tentative)
January 2024 date to be determined
Monday, February 5, 2024
Monday, March 4, 2024 (tentative)
Monday, April 1, 2024
Monday, May 6, 2024
Monday, June 3, 2024 (tentative)

Administration Update

- Renovations 98% complete
- Two life skills classes added to the school
- Approximately 20 new staff in past 18 months
- Seeking a Transportation trades teacher
- 1550 students
- Students have participated in safe schools assemblies
- Bussing costs for extracurricular activities are increasing
- Culminating projects in December instead of January allow more time for individualized assessment methods and decrease exam stress for students
- Council can request presentations about support services and specific information within the school

Other Business

- Meet the teacher nights in each semester
 - Semester 1 confirmed: Thursday, October 12 @ 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Watch for an email with a link to book time slots online
- United Way of Simcoe Muskoka – Reinstated youth grants for up to \$5,000
 - Previously received a \$3,500 grant for a Colour Run
 - Must be a student-led program
 - Can partner with C4Kids
 - No deadline
 - Myrlene Boken to forward information to Mr. MacIsaac
- Holiday market
 - Mr. MacIsaac to submit paperwork to use the school on Saturday, December 2, 2023
 - Date to be confirmed and details discussed at next meeting
- Community building for grade 9 students: Link Crew is working with grade 9s on ongoing orientation, welcoming activities and Spirit Week
- SCDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – Meeting dates TBD
 - County-wide advisory committee with representatives from school councils
 - Lisa Suelzle previously served as our PIC representative; Lesley Sterling will apply for PIC

Future Agenda Items

- Fundraising priorities and initiatives
- Grants – Home Depot, Sobeys, No Frills and other opportunities
- Committees and volunteer opportunities
- Administrator profile
- Graduation, scholarships, bursaries, etc.

Adjournment @ 7:34 p.m.