

Northern Lights School Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 26

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Northern Lights School

In Attendance: Marissa Gillespie, Andrea Manning, Lindsay Stanford, Christine Sizer, Shelley Henderson, Michelle Brinson, Charney Docherty, Sam Cassel

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Marissa Gillespie calls the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
 - b. Land Acknowledgement
 - c. Introduction of Guests and Council Members
 - d. Verification of quorum
2. Review and approval of June 11 Annual General Meeting minutes
 - a. Shelley Henderson moves to approve the minutes as presented
 - b. Andrea Manning seconds
 - c. Motion carries
3. Review and approval of the November 26 agenda
 - a. Christine Sizer moves to approve the agenda as presented
 - b. Andrea Manning seconds
 - c. Motion carries
4. Updates and Reports:
 - a. Principal Report
 - i. Staffing – Vanessa Blyth is on leave until the arrival of her baby. Paige Hildebrant will be the temporary teacher in her place until the end of the year. Andrea Penonzek will be on leave after winter break while awaiting the arrival of her baby. A temporary teacher will be hired for her position. Mindy Hansen will be staying in the Resource Learning Leader position for the remainder of the year rather than moving back into a classroom.
 - ii. Proposing online meetings. We will try our February winter meeting online to see if we get more engagement. Michelle Brinson will create and send out a link closer to the day.
 - b. Chair report
 - i. Due to loss of our proposed October 7, 2025 meeting
 - December 2, 2025 meeting was moved to November 26, 2025 to ensure Fundraising AGM completed on time
 - An additional meeting will be added March 4 to ensure compliance of 5 meetings per year
5. Standing Business
 - a. ASCE Grant
 - i. Grant money has arrived
 - ii. Marissa Gillespie will look into parental engagement sessions
 - b. Year Plan
 - c. Review School Council policies – any amendments
 - i. Forward to next meeting
 - d. Membership discussion
 - i. Several council members are in their last year with the school, so we are finding ways to encourage more members
 - ii. Refer to principal report
6. Closing
 - a. Next meeting of the Northern Lights School Council and the Northern Lights School Fundraising Society: February 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm
 - b. Adjournment 6:19 pm