

NORTH TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2025 – STAFF LOUNGE



Board Members Present:

Stephanie Bissky Elaine Cohen Sara Moores Scott Murayama

Sarah Palinkas Tavis Settles

Board Members Not Present:

Dawn Barcham

Non-Board Members Present:

Mike Bester 5 NTHS Parents

Call to Order

- Meeting Called to order at 6:03pm by Stephanie
- Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of point 8 by Maria, 2nd Tavis. No one opposed, motion carried
- Motion to approve minutes from November 5, 2025, by Amanda 2nd by Maria. No one opposed, motion carried
- Review safety and muster points
- Land Acknowledgement by Trisha Sehrawat

Key Club by Alex Ngo

- Key Club at North Trail is a member of the Kiwanis Key Club with 1000 of clubs in 45 countries around the world (<https://www.keyclub.org/about/>)
- Key Club members learn to lead and stand for what is right through service and volunteerism making a positive impact in their own high school and communities.
- North Trail has 60 students in Key Club with 40 on a waitlist
- Alex did a presentation on the staff kids Xmas party.
- Next event is the Winter Formal in mid-February
- Follow them on Instagram @keyclub_nths

Principals Report – Mr. Bester

- Thank you to the North Trail staff for working so hard to get everything back on track post-strike
- All sports and clubs are operational again (<https://northtrail.cbe.ab.ca/clubs>)
- The Volleyball, Football and Soccer teams did well.
- X Country provincials postponed until spring for safety
- Basketball is starting next week
- Musical concert is tonight in the gym
- Fine Arts Play will be next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- The portables are now being used by students. Some hiccups but all sorted out and working well. There is one class per portable.
- Currently have 2103 students attending North Trail High School
- Alberta Institutions Education Fair was held today in the Moyis.
- School development plan is now on the website

Key Communicator – Robert Brooks

- COSC meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year are:
 - Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026
 - Wednesday, April 8, 2026
 - Wednesday, June 10, 2026
 - Agenda to follow (usually set a few weeks before the meeting.)
- The ASCA Access Pass has been purchased. I'll send an email later with access information and links to previous sessions. The \$500 ASCE Grant was fully exhausted paying for this, but they also charged me a \$25 credit card processing fee (since the ASCE grant is provided as a prepaid MasterCard, that's what I had to use for payment and ASCA charges 5% for credit card transactions). Please kindly make a motion to reimburse me for the \$25, and I'll submit a request to Scott for reimbursement.
- **Motion to use reimburse Robert \$25.00 for the extra ASCA Access Pass Fee** by Tavis, 2nd by Dawn. No one opposed, Motion Carried

Leadership Report – Michelle

- Leadership group has moved into the portables and are slowly making it their own
- ASLC will be in May in Olds. We are hoping to take about 20 students to this provincial conference.
- First spirit week was in November and was successful
- Preparing for the Winter Festival and Pep Rally

Chair Report – Stephanie Bissky

- Teacher appreciation was successful and truly enjoyed by the teachers
- Graduation is May 13:
 - \$130.00 for a grad ticket which will include a dinner
 - Grad rings and hoodies are on sale now
 - GRADitude provides free graduation dresses, suits and personal care items to Grade 12 students no matter what their financial situation is.
(<https://youthcentral.com/graditude/>)
 - Topics for discussion in January / February
 - Succession planning
 - Bylaw review

Next Meeting February 4, 2026, at 6:00pm. Meeting will be online

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:59 by Tavis

Meeting minute prepared by Sarah Palinkas – Secretary

Meeting minutes approved by Stephanie Bissky - President