MISSION, VISION & GOALS
NORTHERN SCHOOL COUNCIL 2026-27

Our Purpose

The School Council aims to boost student achievement and enhance the education system's accountability by providing recommendations to the Principal and the Board, with active participation from parents.

How Do We Help?

We support student & classroom enrichment by raising funds, arranging guest speakers, connecting parents, & advocating for educational improvements that drive student success.

School Council Members 2026-27

Co-Chairs - Kathleen Allan**,** Jessica Miklos

Co-Treasurers - Gavin McCulloch, Margaret Yeung

Co-Secretaries - Kristina Turner, Jennifer Keeley

Teacher Rep - TBD

Student Rep - TBD

Community Rep - TBD

Ulrica Jobe
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Amanda Ricketts-Fredrick
Anna Rutledge
Christie Schemmer
Amy Then
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GOALS:

1. Raise $20,000 through fundraising efforts to support Northern's priority areas of need:
    - ✓ Athletic Teams and Clubs
    - ✓ Supplementary Classroom Equipment & Resources for Teachers & Students
    - ✓ Nutrition Program for Students in Need
    - ✓ Mental Health & Wellness Initiatives
    - ✓ Special Speakers on Key Topics
    - ✓ Staff Appreciation

2. Spend $X in support of Northern's priority areas of need through a lens of equity and with a goal of supporting a diverse range of programming.
3. Build Community and Connection – bi-monthly parent walks and coffee chats, support through the What's App groups, weekly Parent Post and Adam's Bulletin, special committees such as GAC.
4. Advocacy – continue to advocate on behalf of the Northern student and parent community as required.
5. Administration – ensure all policies, procedures and relevant documents are up to date, including SSON, Council by-laws, SCIG, etc.
6. Website – ensure website is fully functional, up to date and is a known resource to parents.
7. Technology – continue to improve efficiency with regards to technology needs during meetings and communications to parents (ie Parent Post).
8. Plan and execute two Staff Appreciation Events during the School Year (December and June).
9. Ensure support is provided for students in need (ie. nutrition, sanitary, university application costs, etc).
10. Plan and execute three webinars for parents on hot button, top of mind topics such as (but not limited to): AI (how to understand and support the use of AI to enhance your child's learning rather than replace it), Effects of Screen Time/Social Media, Excessive Gaming (and how to help your teen manage), How to Navigate Difficult but Necessary Conversations with Your Teen (ie. sex education, consent, relationships, connection, alcohol/drug use and parties, curfews, grades and school avoidance), Financial Literacy, Practical Tips on how to help your teen find a job/interview/prepare, Finding Your Way @ Northern (for grade 9 parents), Post-Secondary Preparation (for grade 11 and 12 parents and their teen).