

Sept X to X	<u>Important Dates</u> Ballots Collected (via child or in the main foyer)
Sept X at Xpm	Election results shared
Sept X at Xpm	Election Results and Meeting to organize Council dates and sign up for a committee(s) ONLY

Candidate Profiles and Decisions

Position	Candidate Name	Profile	Results
Chair	Maria Shtemberg	<p>I have 2 daughters currently attending NMPS. My older daughter is in grade 2 and my younger daughter is in SK. I have been involved with the NMPS School Council since its inception 3 years ago and plan to be involved throughout my children's school life. It is important for me to be involved in my children's school as it is a great way to show my kids that I am taking an interest in their education and sends a message that community involvement is an important part of a fulfilling life.</p> <p>In the last 10 years I have gained extensive experience and focus on client-centered service delivery and program implementation in the non-profit sector. I come from a divorce background of government-funded and not-for-profit organizations both in front line service delivery and project coordination. I believe that my experience gained from participation in the council in the last number of years, my experience in the social services field, and my passion can be valuable to the NMPS School Council and to the students of the school.</p> <p>Three Priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety – mental health is a very big concern for me, as it is for many parents I have spoken to. It is important that children are protected from the direct threats to their safety (including physical threats and bullying). However, it is equally important to me to protect them from the information overload that they are exposed to on a daily basis. I think it is important to provide resources to the parents on how to explain and deal with difficult events that we are constantly exposed to. As a council 	Acclaimed

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		<p>I think we can better disseminate this kind of information and plan for information session which parents can attend.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Literacy – this is a focus that has and always will be an important one in schools. Literacy skills are invaluable in the future of our children. 3. Technology – in our current times of rapidly changing and improving technology I want to make sure that our children don't have to catch up to the advances but rather develop alongside. 	
Secretary	Zvi Vaxman	<p>I have two kids enrolled at NMPS and my interest is to ensure that they have all the tools, technology and an environment that will accommodate and improve their learning experience. As well, I want the school to reflect the diverse community it is in and to allow everyone, regardless of background, an opportunity for education.</p> <p>I have served 2 years on the School Council as a Member at Large and have been involved in various aspects of the school's activities. I am also a Unit Director for The Society of Energy Professionals (Inergi Local). I believe that I can contribute to the School Council my technological expertise along with the ability to work with others. I am goal oriented and will work with that ideal on the council.</p> <p>Three Priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue the advancement of technology in the school 2. Maintain a safe environment for education; focus on EDUCATION without distractions 3. Access to the playground for the students 	Acclaimed
Secretary	Avery Zeidman	<p>I hope to be an active member, bringing School Council and school priorities to life. I enjoy being a part of a school community where parents and the school are true partners.</p> <p>I am passionate about our children growing up in a healthy community. I am insightful, strategic and experienced in different fields. I have the ability to foster a collaborative approach to achieving goals.</p> <p>Three Priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citizenship – focus on citizenship as it relates to students, staff and parents; a code of conduct or similar to outline 	Acclaimed

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		<p>responsibilities and rights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. NMPS Spirit/Community Building – events focussing on school spirit/pride and extending the school's reach into and among then surrounding community 3. Student Well Being – focus on establishing even more ways to assist and encourage help to students' fitting-in and strengthening their esteem and confidence 	
Treasurer	Keith Isaac	<p>I work in Risk Management at TD Bank and we moved into the area 3 years ago. My son is in Grade 1 and has been at NMPS since JK. It is my third year on the School Council. My background is in Finance and I have a keen interest in the financial position of the Council funds and ensuring that funds raised are invested in our students.</p> <p>As part of Council over the last three years, I feel like I have been a part of NMPS' resource improvements. I bring a financial background, detail orientation, and executive experience to the Treasurer role. As school staff can attest, I ask specific questions, am organized and come prepared for Council meetings.</p> <p>Three Priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to increase technology resources 2. Creating and maintaining an open, inclusive school 3. Community involvement (the school giving back) 	Acclaimed
Member at Large	Lynne Axmith	<p>I'm interested in serving on the NMPS School Council in order to work together with the school to make NMPS a great school for our children.</p> <p>As a member of the community, I can contribute as a voice for the community on issues at the school.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Extra-curricular activities in the school 5. Boosting student achievement 6. Improving communication between home and school 	TBA
Member at Large	Jody Bresgi	<p>I'm interested in initiatives that bring healthier food and bringing nutrition education to our kids and their families (e.g. pressed juices; organizing health/nutrition talks). I have ideas for unique health and environmentally conscious projects that I am willing to share with interested teachers.</p>	TBA

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		<p>I would also like to help coordinate book donations to the school.</p> <p>As a School Council Representative, I would attend meetings and contribute ideas. At this time, I would like to commit to one initiative.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthier food options for the kids to purchase at school 2. More play equipment in the kindergarten pen 3. Good quality social skills lunch program for children with concerns in social communication and interaction 	
Member at Large	Francis Bromet	<p>I want to participate or be involved in my child's school. To understand their policies and be able to ensure my son will experience a safe environment. I have an interest in helping the school strive to help kids excel and learn to be responsible citizens.</p>	TBA
Member at Large	Lia Dabelman	<p>I would like to serve on the NMPS School Council to be up to date with crucial and new school information. This information may include but not be limited to the safety of students (i.e. changes to school policies, etc.)</p> <p>As a representative I can contribute my time and effort with any issues that may come up during the school year that relates to School Council. I plan to be present at all meetings.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student pick-up and drop-off...so much chaos occurs during these times (everyone going in and out at same time); I feel another plan should come in effect 2. Name badges for the guardians picking up kids (i.e. "NMPS PARENT") 3. Weekly communication with parents/staff via email newsletter (i.e. "NMPS Parent Weekly") 	TBA
Member at Large	Rob Ephraim	<p>I have been a voting member on the NMPS School Council for the past year and have attended many School Council meetings before that. I decided to get involved in a formal role with the School Council because I feel I can make a valuable contribution. I have three children. One is currently in SK at NMPS. My second son attended NMPS when he was in SK as well (in its opening year) and now goes to Ventura Park for</p>	TBA

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		<p>the French Immersion program with my eldest. With three children in the system, you gain a lot of experience very quickly on how things should be run, where the needs are, and where the priorities should be. I view the role of the School Council is to raise much needed funds for the school, to act as a guiding force for the administration on what the needs and thoughts of the community are, and to act as a conduit of information to flow from the school back to the community.</p> <p>I am an excellent communicator who is not afraid to share my opinion, even when that opinion may be different or unpopular. I am also dedicated and committed. Rest assured, if I am elected to the Council, I am committed to attending all the meetings as an active and level-headed participant. I also bring with me many years of experience in fundraising, council protocol, spirit, and school leadership. I have sat on many councils, board of directors for a community college, and as an advisor to several parent and student councils.</p> <p>Three Priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To make sure the school, and Council, is ready to go from a large school of over 700 to a smaller school of 350ish; the implications are significant as there will be much fewer students and families from which we can raise funds for the school 2. To establish joint efforts and programming with the new Council that will be formed at Anne Frank Public School; joint activities (fun fairs, welcome BBQs, etc.) can only help both schools 3. To push to maintain focus on investing in Technology while not losing track of the basic skills our kids 	
Member at Large	Darren Greenspoon	<p>I will be happy to continue to assist with the pizza fundraiser and providing support to other areas of interest the School Council.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundraising 2. Support for the teachers in the school to deliver their programs 3. Community involvement in the school 	TBA
Member at Large	Neil Grunberg	<p>I am a proud father of 3 daughters, 2 of which attend NMPS. An entrepreneur, wannabe</p>	TBA

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		<p>triathlete and hands-on parent is a tough balance, but generally, I find the time to make it work. I am passionate about the importance of the school as a central element of the community. By bringing my business development and marketing background to the Council we can hopefully maximize the opportunity to raise funds, awareness and participation throughout the community.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community 2. Technology 3. Stability 	
Member at Large	Mike Kemper	<p>I have served on school councils for six years and would like to help with initiatives that will benefit the school and its students. I believe that my experience in both school council and business matters will be an asset in my role as a School Council representative.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community spirit 2. Making education more interesting with programs including electronics, field trips, etc. 3. Pizza 	
Member at Large	Rami Mayer	<p>As Managing Director of the Schulick Executive Education Centre, a firm that specializes in developing, identifying, assessing top talent in organizations across the world, I understand and place importance on education. As a new parent to two students at the school, I'd like to bring my experience and devote my time to ensuring that the school develops a reputation for excellence and inclusiveness.</p> <p>I can contribute my experience and knowledge in fostering excellence in education. I will act as an advocate for teachers fostering a regular dialogue between parents and teachers so that parents will support the teachers. I will contribute to fundraising so that the additional resources (books, learning aids, technology) will benefit students. In short, I shall contribute my energy and experience to support the school.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring academic excellence is attained including but not limited to improved EQAO scores 	TBA

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Ensuring students have access to technology—Smart Boards, use of computers, etc. 3. An inclusive and diverse environment fostered by teachers and parents in the way they teach 	
Member at Large	Heather Moskoske	<p>I am new to Nellie McClung. I have twin boys in grade 1. My family just moved from California. I was a part of the Parent Faculty Association at their old school and was very involved in my children's school.</p> <p>I was a fourth grade teacher prior to having children. Then, I wrote a curriculum to teach reading and now that is my full time business.</p> <p>As a member of School Council, I would like to help think of new ideas for fundraising, school community building, and other topics discussed in school council meetings.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundraising 2. Parent involvement 3. Community building 	TBA
Member at Large	Reeva Waksberg & Mark Greenstein	<p>We are very interested in serving on the School Council because we would like to show our support and get involved in our children's new school. We are new to the community and feel the Council is a great way to get to know it better.</p> <p>Along with other parents in the community, we would like to help make our school be the best place it can be for our children.</p> <p>Both Mark and I can contribute the benefit of our work experience to the Council. In my work as a public relations professional, I organize events, plan activities and manage budgets. As a family lawyer for more than 20 years, Mark is an experienced mediator who can organize discussions and debates and generate positive outcomes.</p> <p>Three priorities School Council should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student interest, participation, involvement and passion for the school 2. Fundraising 3. Community building among the NMPS families and staff 	TBA