

# NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes

(Wednesday, February 16, 2011)

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## Executive School Council

Jane Lewis, Co-Chair  
Michele Temple, Co-Chair  
Charlotte Ryan, Treasurer  
Helen Shi and Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Secretaries  
Svea Einola, Event Coordinator  
Lapfong Wong, Ward Rep  
Jane Mooy, New School Liaison  
Pauline Thompson, Speaker Coordinator  
Elaine Lurie, Music Parent Council Liaison  
Lucia Dell'Agnesse, Member at Large  
Phyllis Cincinatus, Member at Large

## School staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal  
Mary Laszlo, Vice-Principal (A-L)  
Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal (M-Z)  
Lorne Smith, Teacher representative

1. **Welcome** - Parent Council Co-Chair Jane Lewis
  - opened the meeting and welcomed all present parents.
  
2. **Student Council Report** – Martin Laws, SC President, David Lewis, Head of the Duke of Edinburgh Club, Katherine McAuley, SC Sr. VP
  - New club at NT - The Duke of Edinburgh Club, which encourages youth 14 – 25 y. old to be active and get involved in the community
    - o Three awards to work towards – bronze, silver and gold
    - o encourages students to be active, to participate in new activities and pursue their current interests in four different areas – skills development, community service, physical activity, residential project
    - o offers the opportunity to set goals and achieve results in a fun and challenging way.
    - o It's non-competitive. You benefit through your own effort and you will learn and grow from the experience.
    - o It's a well recognized award on a resume, universities love to see it
    - o Gold award is presented by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
    - o For more info, e-mail David at [little\\_lewy12@hotmail.com](mailto:little_lewy12@hotmail.com), or pick up application near room 326
  - Charity week at school was a success, raised around \$12,000, Fashion Show and silent auction raised more than \$25,000
  - Kiwanis Music festival is being held throughout Ontario next week, 40% of NT students are participating (Music program), competing at the provincial level
  - Election process for next year's Student Council starting in April

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### **3. Principal's report - Principal Joel Gorenkoff**

- The school still has problems with the e-mail system, cannot send out e-mail blasts, currently using the phone system for any important messages to parents
- Demolition of the old school has started, hoping the new athletic field will be put in place before September 2011
- Contractors still working on deficiencies in the new school
- Enrolment for next year was high, 500 kids had to be turned away (700 children applied for Grade 9)
- Course selection was completed online this year, parents had to sign
- Report cards went home on Jan. 10
- PA day is this Friday, Feb.18
- Grade 10 literacy test will be held on March 31

### **4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests –Treasurer, Charlotte Ryan**

- Three financial requests were submitted for approval this month:

- 1) \$1000 for Music Department to help cover the \$6000 cost of commissioning an original piece of music by a famous living Canadian composer James Rolfe with a vocal piece based on a poem by Emily Dickinson. This will be performed at the 1<sup>st</sup> Maytime Melodies concert in the new school.
- 2) \$800 for Drama class to offset the guest artist fee for helping develop a play for the SEARS Drama festival in February.
- 3) \$900 to help cover \$3700 cost of CPR training for girls in the grade 9 phy-ed classes (same request for boys was approved at the last school council meeting).

All 3 requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded Pauline Thompson, accepted by all.

### **5. Speaker presentation / workshop by Dr. Ron Clavier, Neuroscientist and clinical psychologist - "An Arts and Science-Based approach to helping our kids prepare for post-secondary education."**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**Next meeting – Wednesday, April 13, 2011.**