

NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes

(Tuesday, May 17, 2011)

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'Agnese, 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)
Lawrence Smith, Teacher representative

1. Welcome - Parent Council Co-Chair Jane Lewis

- opened the meeting and welcomed all parents present.

2. Principal's report - Principal Joel Gorenkoff

- Student Council elections were held last week
- The new Fraser report has been published, NT is one of the top schools in Toronto
- Student newspaper Graffiti won the award for the best high school newspaper in Ontario
- Prom is on May 26, there is a Facebook page for all the info, students to be reminded of responsible behaviour
- Math EQAO for Grade 9 is in early June
- Athletic banquet is on June 7
- Farewell & Lawn Party is on June 15, yearbooks will be handed out
- Exams start June 16
- Stress buster sessions are running now in the foyer, during lunch, they help with exam preparation
- Exam reviews will be held June 27, students can look at their exam papers
- Results will be distributed on June 28, students can find out their overall marks
- Report cards will be mailed out on June 30
- Big LCD monitor was installed in the foyer, is being used for all the school announcements

16. Staff representative's report – Lorne Smith, teacher

- thanked the school council for the money received for the CPR courses

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- next year is the school's 100th anniversary and reunion (May 10 – 14, 2012), the school council might want to plan their involvement
- last six weeks of school are the busiest, not just with studying, but athletics as well
- the new field should be ready in the fall, Athletic day is planned for the end of September
- take a look at the review packages for math and science exams

22. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests –Treasurer, Charlotte Ryan

- Bank balance is \$7624.⁰⁸
- Three financial requests were submitted for approval this month:
 - 1) \$1200 for the Track & Field team to help cover the cost of purchasing the girls and boys javelins, starting block and 3 – 4 hurdles
 - 2) \$3340 for the new auditorium lectern, donated by the School Council.
 - 3) \$3000 for the October grad commencement dinner expenses

All 3 requests were motioned by Jo-Anne Archibald, seconded by Heather Johnson, accepted by all.

4. Ward Representative's update – Lapfong Wong

- Shelly Laskin holds wad meetings every six weeks. Superintendent from Ward 7 was invited to present
- Proposed electronic device policy was discussed that would allow students/teachers to use cell phones in the classroom at the teacher's discretion
- Also discussed policies for consistent treatment of late assignments, etc.
- Proposal for the all-boys/all-girls schools in Toronto was rejected
- Full-day pre-school rollout started to all schools.

10. School Council Co-chair, Jane Lewis, asked parents to help with recruitment for the executive council for next year, as most current members will be leaving the school

11. Parent panel moderated by Jane Lewis – parents of students in different grades shared their experiences, insight, advice and answered other parents' questions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next year meetings:

- **Tuesday, September 20, 2011**
- **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**
- **Tuesday, November 15, 2011**
- **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**
- **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**
- **Wednesday, April 11, 2012**
- **Tuesday, May 15, 2012**