

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Executive School Council

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair

Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair

Anne Ferguson, Treasurer

Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary

Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary

Phyllis Cincinatus, Trisha Grace and Robyn Konson, Event Coordinators

Lynn Liu and Tao Ma, Ward Reps

Janet Bragg, Speaker Coordinator

Carla Hathaway, Member at Large

Sandra Ivkovic, Member at Large

Sylvia Kraus, Member at Large

School Staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal

Sima Naymark, Vice-Principal (A-L)

Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal (M-Z)

Helen Elliott, Staff Representative

1. **Welcome** - Parent Council Co-Chair Heather Johnston and Teodora Miloradovic
 - Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers.
 - Kathleen Pyper greeted the parents and spoke since she had to leave the meeting early. She suggested we make sure our students get lots of rest during the year beginning transition.
2. **Student Council Report** – Marcus Gottlieb (Pres.) and Dong An (SVP)
 - A list of the NT Clubs was circulated. Marcus and Dong gave us some background on each of the clubs and asked us to encourage our students to join.
 - This Friday, elections for two class representatives per Home Form room will be held. This is a great way to meet senior students and reps can attend the Leadership camp in Orillia.
 - Red & Grey Day will be held in October and the exact day will be confirmed shortly. On this day, all students wear red and grey to school and there is a special assembly. The class with the best theme wins a prize.
 - Charity Week will be held in January 2013. Each Home Form class is asked to come up with their own fund-raising effort. The committee is currently working on the process to select charity that will benefit from these efforts.
 - On Monday, there will be a club fair and the Grade 9 and 10 students will attend.
3. **Principal's Report** – Joel Gorenkoff

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- All parents are encouraged to sign up for the email blasts (go to <http://ntci.on.ca/> and see the Mailing Lists tab). If you have a student in Grade 12, you should also sign up for the NT Grads list. There is also a list available for NT Students.
- If your student is absent, you will receive an IVR message from the school.
- Check the school calendar (copies were distributed) for the dates that report cards are to be sent home. It's helpful to ask your student if there are any handouts on a regular basis.
- The school website is a good place to check for information and exciting news.
- Feel free to contact teachers anytime you need to. Your student will have the contact information.
- Commencement will be held on Friday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. The parent council sponsors a light dinner reception for the graduates from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Unfortunately, Mini Night has been cancelled because the teachers have withdrawn their volunteer service for this event. If you would like to speak to a teacher about the curriculum, you should call the office to schedule an appointment.
- A question was asked about why the cafeteria is so crowded. Answer: The auditorium was considered important to a school that is focused on music, so more space was given to that and taken away from the neighbouring cafeteria/commons in the design phase.
- Current school population is 1280 students with class sizes of approx. 27-31.
- Sima Naymark has joined the school administration as vice-principal for students whose last names begin with the letters A-L. Sima is a very experienced vice-principal and previously worked at Northern Secondary School, among others.
- Agendas were late being distributed because there was a misprint. Copies of the September calendar were distributed to students to fill the gap.
- Sept. 25 is photo day for TTC student cards. The cost is \$5.25 and is optional. The card is needed for those who want to use the student discount when travelling on the TTC.
- Picture proofs for the student photos will be sent home this week. There is a makeup day on Sept. 25 for those who missed having their photos taken in August.
- Nov. 7 is Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students.
- The first report card will be sent home on Nov. 15. There will be an online signup for parent/teacher interviews. More information on this will be sent home.
- Exams will be held from Dec. 13-21.

4. Staff Representative Report – Ms. Elliott

- Make sure your student is using the agenda.
- Encourage students in Grade 11 and 12 to take on leadership roles within the clubs.
- Tutoring is available for all subject areas.

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- The Global Ed. Class will be travelling to Ecuador this year. There is an info night on Sept. 24.
- Teachers have begun to post homework to the Moodle and your student should know where to find that on the NT website.

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests – Anne Ferguson

- There are 3 requests for financial support from the Parent Council:
 1. Football Team – would like to replace helmets which have passed their expiry date. This year there are 100 players and new equipment is needed. Total cost is \$8-10,000 and they are asking the council for \$1200, doing their own fund-raising and asking the school for funds.
 2. Strings Musical Retreat – would like \$800 toward paying for this 3 day event at the Cedar Glen campus. The total cost is \$22,000.
 3. Leadership Trip – seven Grade 12 students are leading the sessions for younger students. This request is to pay \$500 toward their \$4,000 cost to travel.
- All requests were motioned by Joanne Archibald, seconded by Kirsten Sixt and accepted by all.

6. Election of the Parents' Executive Council - Heather Johnston and Teodora Miloradovic

- Heather reviewed the list of names of parents who had approached the council in the past to offer their time to volunteer.
- Heather asked for an additional volunteer for the position of Ward Rep as this was still vacant. Lynn Liu and Tao Ma agreed to share the responsibility of attending the ward meetings and reporting back to the council meetings.
- Roles are also open for the parent music council and those interested should contact the school.
- The request to approve the names put forward for the 2012-13 parent council was motioned by Keith Tuomi, seconded by Jane Mooy and approved by all.

Thanks were given to all who spoke and attended and the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 and the speaker will be announced through the parent email blast.