

NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 16th 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- Heather Johnston (parent council co-chair)

- Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers

2. Student Council Report-Marcus Gottlieb(President)

- Red and Grey day is Oct. 17th All students are encouraged to wear red and grey and the Homeform that has the best decorated theme wins a prize.
- School dance is scheduled for Nov 2nd in the Commons at NT. Oct 19th is the deadline to buy tickets, which are \$10. Dance will be from 7:30-11pm and has a Halloween theme. (Costumes encouraged)
- Charity week will be in Jan 2013(date to be determined) On Nov 1st there will be a vote to decide which charity will be chosen. School council is still gathering options. Please email Marcus at mgottlieb15@gmail.com if you have a charity you would like to suggest.

3. Greetings-Trustee Shelley Laskin

- She was not able to attend tonight's meeting

4. Principal's update(Joel Gorenkoff)

- Communication with your student and school is key. Please check for email blasts and sign up for mailing lists on web site.. Go to <http://ntci.on.ca/> and see the Mailing Lists tab. Check your spam filters if no messages are getting thru.

- Nov 7th is Take Our Kids to work day for Grade 9 students. Paperwork will be sent home for this soon.
- Nov 15th is report card day. Enclosed with the report card will be a code that is needed for parents to sign up online for parent teacher interviews.
- Nov 22nd is the day for Parent teacher Interviews. Teachers may call parents to set up a meeting if they feel it is necessary
- December exam schedule- please do not book holiday time during the exam period as exams are official and formal. Exams will be held from Dec. 13-21
- A question was asked about the Grade 9 success meeting on Oct. 18th.
Answer: This is a teacher only event at which they review the students to get to know them better
- A question was asked about the student spare policy. Answer: There is no official policy but students can stay at the school in the commons or library or have the option of leaving the grounds as well.
- A question was asked about the Grade 12 "Grad" trip over March Break.
Answer: These trips are not school sanctioned and there is no staff/ adult supervision at all. Be very cautious, as some students have not had good experiences.
- Mini night is still postponed, as there is a question of work to rule. Hopefully more information will be available by the end of November.
- Commencement went very well.

5. Staff Representative Report-Ms. Elliott

- The school web site is being revamped by 3 very committed students. Hopefully it will be up in the next 3-6 months.
- So far at NT all field trips are a go-all teams and clubs are on track.
- Please check to see if your students have assignments –check their agendas. Some teachers are using moodles. You may be able to use the account as a guest. If a password is needed you can email the teacher to retrieve it.

6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests-Anne Ferguson

The cheque was deposited for the student fees and the 3 requests that were made from last month were paid which leaves a balance of 25,191.41

There are 5 requests for financial support from the Parent Council:

1. CPR for Grade 9 Girls (the Grade 9 boys will be next term) Total cost is \$3750 and they are asking for \$625.
2. Graffiti (School paper) is requesting assistance with the cost of publishing. Total cost is \$9000 and they are requesting \$1000
3. NT 12th annual Vocal Retreat is requesting \$1000 to help cover the cost of the retreat. Their total cost is \$26,000

4. The Classics Club is requesting \$600 to help out with this event held at Brock University. The total cost is \$3620.
5. NT has a Greenhouse and a request is made for \$680 to pay for plants and 2 light fixtures

All requests were motioned by Roland Herbert and seconded by Teodora Miloradovic and accepted by all.

7. Speaker Presentation- Jeffrey and Michael Eisen

Michael is the founder of YOUth Wellness Network. He brings wellness programs into school across North America and has been working with the students and teachers at North Toronto for the past year.

Michael and his father Jeffrey provided us with tips about creating a more empowered and conscious relationship with our teenagers.

They are launching their book "Empowered YOUth : A Father and Son's Journey to Conscious Living" on Oct 17th

The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 14th at 7:30 pm in Room 215 and the speaker will be Ms. de Braux from the Guidance Department about the path to post secondary education.