

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2012

Executive School Council

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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

- Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers.

2. Student Council Report – Marcus Gottlieb (Pres.) and Dong An (SVP)

- If any parent ever has a question, you can contact either of them by email at: mgottlieb15@gmail.com or andong661@hotmail.com.
- They are pleased to report that the Halloween dance was a success.
- After the student vote, Blessings in a Backpack was selected as the charity that will be supported during Charity Week in 2013. [From the Blessings in a Backpack website: They recognize that underprivileged children who are fed through government programs at school during the week, have no food to eat at home on the weekends. So, Blessings arranges to have backpacks filled with food for the kids to take home on Friday evening. Then the kids bring the empty packs back on Monday morning, to be filled again for the next coming Friday.]
- Let Charlotte know if you have any donations to contribute to the silent auction at Charlotte.amc@gmail.com.
- Please buy tickets to the show in the first week of February 2013.
- The students will be raising money for charity in December. Those that donate a winter coat will get a shiny red nose.

3. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff

- Reports cards are being distributed tomorrow and they will have only the grade with no comments as a result of the strike action.

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- The report card package includes the December exam schedule, EQAO results for those students who wrote the Grade 9 math assessment last year, and parent teacher interview information. There is a unique code inside that will allow you to sign up for interviews using the online system starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a limited number of spaces available.
- If you need to speak to a teacher, you can contact them by phone or email.
- Around Nov. 20, the Grade 12 students will get their IDs for using the university application system. There is an information meeting for students at lunch hour and this is in their agendas.

4. Staff Representative - Helen Elliot

- Next week, there will be no late start on Friday since there will be no evening parent teacher interviews offered.
- At the next parent council meeting, she can show you how to access the Moodle online [used by some of the teachers for posting homework and resources].
- There is no school on Friday. Teachers will be here doing “self-directed” professional development. This is a good day to call them if you have any questions.
- Please make sure the office has your current phone numbers on record in case of emergency.

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests

- There were no requests this week.

6. Special Presentation – Mark Franklin “Preparing for University or College and Connecting the Dots between Education & Career”

- Mark has been a counsellor at York and U of T and is producer and host of the radio show called Career Buzz (on 89.5 FM on Wed) and runs a career management practice called Career Cycles.
- The parent’s role has been changing in guiding their students.
- Hard to predict what jobs will be available in 5 years when the current Grade 12 students will graduate.
- Mark spoke about the changing role of parents and how to engage and guide students as they make their post-secondary choices.

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215.