

NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday , January 15, 2013

Executive School Council Present

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair
Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary
Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary
Lynn Liu Ward Rep
Janet Bragg, Speaker Coordinator
Carla Hathaway, Member at Large

School Staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal
Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal (M-Z)

1. Welcome- Heather Johnston (parent council co-chair)
opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speaker

2. Pricipal's Report (Joel Gorenkoff)

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This is an interesting time in education. Teachers are back to work under contract but are continuing to withdraw from extracurricular programs and activities at this time. Teachers are committed to our students and this is a stressful situation and not an easy time. NTCI cannot continue with school clubs/sports.

Brief Q & A Session:

Q: What is the status of the Fashion Show?

A: Fashion show which is on the calendar for Feb1st and 2nd is not going to happen at this time. Tentatively new dates have been set in March with the hopes that programming will be reinstated. We are hopeful to get extracurricular activites back on track.

Q: If things continue with the withdraw from the teachers, are we going to miss curriculum night again?

A: Since there is a contract in place now, teachers now are under the obligation to participate in Curriculum night.

Q: What is the status of the yearbook?

A: Yearbook at NT is a credited course, so it is going ahead. However, this year there is a lack of photo's due to the lack of activities.

Q: Is there going to be a Grade 12 Graduation and Prom?

A: NT is committed to running Prom and Graduation. Everything has already been booked. It will happen.

3. Vice Principal's Report (Kathleen Pyper)

- There will be no early dismissal on January 29th
- On January 24th, interim report cards will be distributed
- Students in Grade 10 in careers and civics will receive a separate provincial report card for this course on February 7th.
- April 9th is the date for the next provincial report card. For Grade 12 these are the marks for university admissions. So there is time after the interim report card for students to improve marks if necessary.

4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Requests (Anne Ferguson)

There have been no requests for funds since the last meeting. However, the Classic's Club did send a thank you note about funds given earlier this school year.

5. Speaker Presentation: Alyson Schafer" The Joys & Fears of the Teen Years"

The media feeds parents a steady stream of "bad news" about teenagers. This talk will highlight some really "feed good" research on the true state of today's teens, give insights into the teen brain, and address the challenges in family and society that must be tackled head on, like education, employment, social media, sex and drugs and YouTube rock'n'roll. As a mother of two teenage daughters, Alyson is full of real world examples of what life is like raising teens in 2013.

Alyson Schafer is a psychotherapist and internationally acclaimed parenting expert. She is the Ask an Expert columnist for Today's Parent Magazine and sits on the Health Advisory Board for Chatelaine Magazine. She is the best-selling author of three parenting books published by John Wiley and Sons: "Breaking the Good Mom Myth" (2007), "Honey, I Wrecked The Kids" (2009), and her latest "Ain't Misbehavin'" (2011).

An early-adopter, Alyson has pioneered parenting in social media. She was a panellist at this year's Social Media conference and she continuously engages parents on Twitter, Facebook and through her own parenting blog, as well as guest expert blog posts. Currently, Alyson is the parenting expert for The Bank of Montreal's SmartSteps for Parents program. She has been the spokesperson for a variety of PR campaigns and is the Canadian media's go-to parenting authority. She has appeared on such shows as Montel Williams, Canada AM, CTV news, The Marilyn Show, Steven and Chris, BT, Save Us From Our House and hosted six seasons of The Parenting Show. You can find Alyson quoted in such magazines as Cosmopolitan, Parent Magazine, Reader's Digest, Today's Parent, Canadian Family, Oh Baby and more.