

NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Executive School Council Present

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair
Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair
Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Carla Hathaway, Member at Large
Robyn Konson, Event Coordinator
Tricha Grace, Event Coordinator

School Staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal

1. Welcome- Heather Johnston (Parent Council Co-Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all parents

2. Principal's Report (Joel Gorenkoff)

Welcomed all parents, as these meetings are important to get information and to connect with one another.

There is hope that in regards to extracurricular programs good news may come in the Spring. There may be an announcement around March 1st as the Teachers Union and the government have been meeting.

Grade 10 parents will be receiving a letter home about the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test). This is a standardized test and is required for graduation. Please do not book any travel plans on the date of the test, which is April 11th 2013. If you have any questions please call Vice Principal Sima Naymark.

New Department Heads will be chosen this year. This process occurs every three years and this year there are 18 positions to be filled. After March Break staffing for the school will begin.

There has been an increase of inappropriate postings on students Facebook pages. This has been noticed mostly with Grade 9-10 students.

Parents are urged to read posts/emails to monitor their children's accounts. Chris Vollum is going to come into the school and speak with the Grade 9 and 10 students on April 8th during an assembly. He will speak with the kids about how inappropriate Facebook comments can affect future university admission, scholarships and employment.

March Break is from the 11th-18th.

Question: What is the Board's policy on the use of cell phones during school hours?

A: The policy is that students can have them. Some teachers encourage the use of smartphones as part of their programs. But when not needed in class then phones are expected to be powered off and to be put away. Parents are also texting/phoning their children during the day.

3. Treasure's Report & Financial Requests (Anne Ferguson)

There are a total of four requests for funds.

1. NTCI Field Hockey is requesting \$1000 for new outdoor sticks and a portable goal and for travel costs for tournaments outside of the GTA. The total cost is \$3800.

2. Grade 9 boys CPR certification. The grade 9 girls have already been certified this year. Asking for \$800. Total cost of program is \$3800.

3. DECA-International Business Competition . Six NTCI students have qualified to go California. Total cost is \$12,000 Executive Council approved \$1500. This is the first time our students are going to this competition.

4. Boys Rugby Team is requesting \$2000 for the school to buy Jerseys. Total cost is \$3000.

Motion to approve financial requests made by Teodora Miloradovic and seconded by Janie Bale.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next meeting will be on April 16th at 7:30pm in Room 215

Speaker Michael Waxman MSW-

Topic- Talk to me-Not your phone