

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2013

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**
 - Heather opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers.

- 2. Student Council Report – Edmund Park (Pres.) and Ryan Alizadeh (SVP)**
 - The new student council executive has been elected for the 2013-2014 school year. The incoming President Edmund Park and Senior Vice President Ryan Alizadeh came to meet the parents. Also, elected was Jack Matthews as Junior Vice President.
 - The last event of charity week was held (the silent auction which had to be rescheduled) and this raised an additional \$3,000.
 - Both the girls and boys rugby teams are heading into playoffs.
 - Grade 9 Welcome Day will provide information to new students on clubs, academics and answer general questions.
 - The Prom will be held at the Palais Royale on May 30th and less than 12 tickets remain.
 - If you wish to contact the new student executive you may contact Edmund at edpark787@gmail.com or Ryan at alizadehryan@hotmail.com.

- 3. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff**
 - Student council elections are complete, but there is still an opportunity for students to be involved as class reps.
 - For Earth Week, there was an open-air concert held at the school. The school building has been certified as a Gold Level Eco School.

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- The Friday evening performance of Maytime Melodies is sold out. The school has been known as a “music school” for 67 years.
- The senior art exhibition has their grand opening tonight.
- For prom, it’s important that kids arrive “clean and sober”. They should be aware that there will be consequences to any violation, in addition to being asked to leave the event.
- The EQAO assessment for Grade 9 mathematics will be held on June 3 and 4. Everyone else will have a late start.
- The school year book will be distributed on June 12th. This same day there will be a school assembly and the lawn party.
- Exams will be held from June 14-21. Please ask your students to write their exam dates in their agenda. On June 24, they will have an hour to review their marked exams and on June 25 they can get their marks at the school. This is particularly important for the Grade 12 students. You should let the school know of any changes to your home address since final marks are sent by mail.
- Attendance is important at the end of the year to ensure students are prepared for their exams.
- Included with the final marks is the notice giving the dates when students need to come to the school to pay their fees and have their pictures taken (at the end of August).

4. Staff Representative Report – Ms. Elliott

- The best way to help your students is to help them organize their exam schedules and ensure they submit all summatives. They should speak to the teacher about getting extra help or check if there is a standing tutorial.

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

There were 4 requests made:

- The archery club would like \$1500 for 5 new bows.
- Graffiti newspaper would like \$2000 for producing a magazine for their 20th anniversary.
- The stage crew would like \$2500 to purchase new equipment.
- The visual arts department would like two lady bug digital video cameras for helping with project demonstrations at a cost of \$1200.

All requests were motioned by Carla Hathaway, seconded by Caryl and accepted by all.

6. Special Topic

- Kim Moran spoke about stressed-out teens. She is an advocate for change to the children’s mental health system.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 215.