

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2013

Executive School Council

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair
Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary
Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary
Daniela Popovik, Robin Konson-Event Coordinators
Carla Hathaway, Member at Large

School Staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal
William Mack, 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 staff

2. Student Council Report-Edmund Park (President) and Trent Erickson (Secretary)

- Welcome Back Assembly and the Lawn Party were held on Sept. 11th
- Grade 9 Welcome Day was held on Sept. 13th-they learned the school song and had lots of fun
- Monday the 23rd of September is the Club Fair. It will be in the Commons for grade 9-10's. For Grades 11-12 sign up is available at lunchtime. Tables will be set up and students can get information on all the clubs running at NTCI (as of today there are 35 clubs) Joining a club is a good way to get involved with the school and a way to meet new people with similar interests.
- Class Representative elections are being held on Sept. 18th. Two students from each Homeform are elected. They serve as in-class student leaders, they meet every month and share with the class what is going on and give feedback to the council. They also help classes run Spirit Day (Red and Grey Day) this will be held mid -October and Charity Week-this event raises money for a great cause and happens after winter break.

3a. Principal's Report- Joel Gorenkoff

- Introduction of the new Vice-Principal at NTCI - William Mack

- Communication is key. Please sign up for email blasts. Subscribe to the parent list and also the student list to see all of the communication coming out of the school.
- Mini-Night is scheduled for September 26th. A great way to meet your student's teachers. Please arrive at 6 pm to pick up your student's agenda and class rotation will begin at 6:30 pm. Each class will be around 12minutes. Course outlines, assessments and homework will be discussed.
- Football and Field Hockey are training on the field. At NT the students work hard and play hard. We want students to do well academically and have leadership and community service roles. Kids do better when they are involved in school.

3b.Vice-Principals Report- William Mack (A-L)

- A review of Important Dates for the school year was given. The school calendar is found in the student agenda's.
- Once a month there will be a Staff Meeting which is usually during the last week of the month. A late start means classes start at 10am.
- Oct 11th -PA day. Graduation Commencement for the Class of 2012 will be held in the evening.
- Nov 6th-Take our kids to work day for Grade 9 students. This is optional and is to help students make choices for careers. More information will follow in October.
- Nov 13th-Report Cards are distributed.(not mailed). Parent Teacher interviews will follow. Information sent home with report cards provide a password to let parents set up appointments for the interviews.
- December 12-19th-Formal Exam Period. Please do not book any holiday time during this timeframe. If students miss the exam they will receive a zero (unless due to illness and then a medical certificate is required)
- Dec.20th is a PA day and classes resume on Jan.6th 2014
- January 24th-Report card with interim mark. Reflects the work and progress including exam marks.
- January 27th-course selection for next year
- Jan. 31st-Feb 1st-Fashion Show. Auditions are currently being held.
- Feb 7th-Report card for Grade 10 students only for civics/careers classes-.5 credit
- March 10th -14th - March Break
- March 27th-OSSLT Grade 10 Literary Test. This test is mandatory and is required to graduate from high school
- April 8th - Report cards distributed
- April 18th-21st- Easter Break
- May 1st-2nd-Maytime Melodies
- May 29th-Prom
- June2nd-3rd-Grade 9 EQAO testing in the morning
- June 13th-20th-Exam period

- June 23rd-Exam review day
- June 24th-Grade results day-students are invited to come in and discuss/review both exam marks and final grade marks
- June 27th- Final report card mailed home

3b. Vice Principal Report-Kathleen Pyper (M-Z)

- Student agendas are important to student organization. The school calendar and map of the school are inside for reference
- Please encourage your student to participate in extra curriculums. Students need to learn how to time manage and balance work and play.
- Encourage a nightly routine. Sleep is important for students.

3c. Staff Representative-Helen Elliot

- There are two scheduled international trips scheduled for this school year. The first trip is to Greece and it is from March 7th-19th 2014. Priority is given to students studying Classical Studies, History and Art. A parent information night is being held on September 19th in room 317 at 7:30pm.
- The second trip will go to Costa Rica-this is a service trip and is from March 8th-23rd. Priority is given to students studying Global Studies, Spanish and Environmental Science. A parent information session is on Oct 1st in room 215 at 6 pm.

4. Nominations and election of the School (Parents) Executive Council-Teodora Miloradovic and Heather Johnston, Co-Chairs

- All positions were open to nomination.
- Currently there is an opening for Speakers Coordinator-role is to organize upcoming speakers for the Parent Council. All meetings for the 2013-2014 school year have been booked. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact Heather Johnston at heather044@sympatico.ca.
- All currently filled positions stood alone and a motion was approved.

5. Treasurer's report and financial requests- Anne Ferguson

- Our starting balance is \$4431.75. There are four requests for financial aid.
- A request for \$1500 was made by the Student Exchange program, which promotes cultural awareness among students. This year student's exchange is with students from Copenhagen. While the exchange students from Copenhagen are here they will attend a two day camp with NTCI students. Total cost of the program is \$8850.
- A request for \$900 was made for CPR certification for Grade 9 girls. The cost breaks down to \$5/student. There is a two week unit in first Aid and CPR. Total cost of the program is \$4500
- A request was made for \$1000 for the Strings retreat-Music department. There is a three day retreat to provide performance and teamwork skills enrichment. Total cost for the program is \$24,943

- A request was made for \$400 by the WPHE dept. for Grade 10 girls to have a two week unit on self defense. The cost breaks down to \$5/student. Total cost for the program is \$1600.
- The total amount of all above requests is \$3800. A motion to approve was made by Joanne Archibald and seconded by Ivana Marzura and accepted by all.

6. Staff Presentation: Technology in the classroom- Brian Roche & Mark Kinoshita

- What is a Moodle? It is web-based software which offers an interactive platform and blended learning. Learning can occur at home but it is not an online course.
- To access site go to either <http://ntci.on.ca/moodle/moodle> or moodle.ntci.on.ca

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

Please come to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30pm in Room 215 (2nd floor). The topic is Co-Curricular Overview and Grade-by-Grade.