

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2014

School Council Executive

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair
Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary
Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary
Daniela Popovik and Robin Konson, Event Coordinators
Lynn Liu and Tao Ma, Ward Reps
Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator
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 speakers.

2. Student Council Report – Edmund Park (President), Ryan Alizadeh (SVP) and Jack Matthews (JVP)

- Edmund updated everyone on recent school activities: the Grade 8 students who will be starting at NT next year visited the school on Jan. 7 and the Choir Gala night is on Jan. 17. The gala will raise money for the students who will be travelling to Copenhagen.
- Ryan discussed Charity Week: there will be a Vine Competition (NB: a vine is a short, looping video lasting a maximum of 7 seconds in length) and A-Minute-to-Win-It competition; NT Idol is continuing with its 8 contestants; the North Toronto Athletics Association is organizing a scavenger hunt and will be cooking pancakes; and parents are reminded to send their students with money to join these events during the week of Jan. 20-25.
- Jack said a record number of students participated in the selection of the charity for this school year which is Make-A-Wish Canada.
- The fashion show committee has a Facebook page where they post reminders for students.
- Each home room will organize events to raise money.
- There will be a silent auction on the Friday night of the fashion show (Jan. 31). If anyone has a donation you can email: ntsilentauction2014@gmail.com .

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3. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff

- Principal Gorenkoff attended the vocal retreat in early January and thought the kid's performances were great.
- The Choir Gala on Friday will feature some original songs, food from the chef at Evergreen Brickworks and costs \$25.
- The students' second report card will be out on Jan. 24. There will be no parent/teacher interviews at this time, but parents may call the school to speak to a teacher, if needed.
- In February, students will be selecting their courses for next year. There is a parent information night on Jan. 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a new date (date in the printed agenda will be incorrect) and presentations will be geared toward each specific grade.

4. Staff Update – Helen Elliott

- The school calendar is very busy at this time and parents are asked to speak to their students about setting reminders for their activities.
- For the upcoming report cards, marks may be lower than in the fall since there are more marks available from projects and exams.
- The school ski trip is on Feb. 13.
- If your child is feeling stress, you should make sure that they haven't taken on too many extra-curricular activities.

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

- The funds remaining in the school council account are printed on the back of the agenda.
- There is one request for funding this month: the school hockey team has been invited to participate in more tournaments this year. The players are contributing, but they would like to ask our council to support them with \$675 towards the fees.

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded by Robin Halpern and accepted by all.

6. Special Topic – Parent Panel

- The meeting continued with the Parent Panel which was comprised of a parent representative from each of the grades. The panel members offered comments on their experiences with the school and their students.

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

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The next meeting will be on Tues. Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 and the speaker will be Sarah Cannon speaking on How To Talk About the “Tough Stuff”: Conversations with Your Teens About Mental Health.