

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2014

Executive School Council

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair
Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary
Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary
Daniela Popovic 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
 - Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers.
2. **Student Council Report** – Edmund Park (President)
 - April Madness is now on at lunch hours (April 7-11): Monday they are playing dodge ball, Tuesday is a group cheer competition, Wednesday they perform a Survivor competition.
 - Next week are the Student Council elections. At lunch on Monday, there are sessions describing the available positions. Please encourage your kids to run for a position.
 - On May 8 and 9 there is an overnight event at the school to raise funds for other school events, like prom.
 - This year \$30,000 was raised for Make-a-Wish Foundation from the fashion show and charity week activities. This will send 4-5 kids on their dream trip.
 - The Prom (graduation party) will be at the Palais Royale this year and tickets are on sale.
3. **Principal's Report** – Joel Gorenkoff
 - Report cards were sent home yesterday. If you have any concerns, you should email the teacher.
 - Jenny Hayden is the guidance counsellor filling in for Ms. de Braux who is on maternity leave.
 - Thursday night is the first night of Maytime Melodies and the band and vocal music will perform. On Friday the strings and vocal perform.

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- May 5-9 is Mental Health Awareness week. Remember that lots of kids at the school are under stress and should get involved in the Stress Buster activities (and other events).
- Exam schedules will be out in a week or two.
- Monday of the last week of school will be the only chance for students to review the completed exams and on Tuesday students will be able to find out their marks (before they see them in July on the report card). This is especially important for students in Grade 12.

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

- Three thank you notes were sent from the clubs who received support from the school council in the past: The Model UN, the archery club and boys' physical health.
- There are two requests for funding:
 1. NT Mechanics would like \$320 to help them build a vehicle. There are 14 students in this club who are interested in engineering and science.
 2. The school is starting a Morning Study Hall and needs \$2000 to get established. The money will be spent on buying 2 printers and printing cartridges for students to use to print assignments and a supply of snacks. Students will have access to computers and printers in the mornings before school starts and healthy snacks will be provided for those who did not have breakfast at home.

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded by Marion Flanagan and accepted by all.

5. Special Topic

- Robyn Stemler, an Associate Professor at University of Toronto, spoke on the topic of sleeping and health for teenagers.

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 and the speaker will be Steve Chapelle who will speak on the topic Street Proof Your Child for the Internet - How to take control of the family computers and successfully manage teens' usage of the Internet.