

# NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

May 13<sup>th</sup> 2014

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## Executive School Council in attendance

Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair  
Heather Johnston, Co-Chair  
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer  
Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary  
Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary  
Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator  
Carla Hathaway, Member at Large  
Daniela Popovik, Event Coordinator

## School Staff in attendance

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal  
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** – no updates at this time
3. **Principal's Report** – Joel Gorenkoff
  - The teenage years are not easy. Mental Health Awareness week was held from May 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. There was a focus on stress relief, yoga, bubble wrap popping and eating chocolate. Please support this initiative as 1 in 5 teens have mental health concerns.
  - Grade 12 Prom is fast approaching. It is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a school sanctioned event so staff and security will be present.
  - Grade 9 welcome night is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. NT is expecting around 275 new Grade 9 students in the Fall 2014.
4. **Staff Update – Helen Elliott**
  - It continues to be a very busy time at the school
  - Please have your student talk with their teacher if they are missing a class/project due date for an extracurricular event or sports. Students are encouraged to attend all classes and not to skip one to make more time for another.
  - Guidance offers study skills workshops and information on EQAO. Work with your student to 'map out' when all projects are due.
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5. **Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests** – Anne Ferguson
  - Our current bank balance is \$13,337.65

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- The Archery Club is requesting \$1350 to help purchase replacement equipment. Total cost is \$1426.00
- The Robotics Club is requesting \$1000 to offset the cost of new computer software and hardware and extra building material. Total cost is \$1200+
- The Business Department is requesting \$1215.88 which is the total cost of a colour printer for student use.
- The Music Department is requesting \$1000 for assistance with the Strings Retreat where students get additional performance, leadership and teamwork experience. Total cost for event is \$24,000
- The Awards committee is requesting \$800 to present awards for Top Averages during Commencement and Awards Assembly.
- NT Salt and Light Club is requesting \$265 to host a free lemonade lunch for students.
- Field Hockey is requesting \$1000 to help cover the cost of entry fees and travel costs. Total cost is \$3000
- Physical Education is requesting \$800 for new cardio equipment in the weight room. Bikes and rowing machines need to be replaced Total cost is \$4000
- The Wellness Committee is requesting \$1500 to promote student wellness and mental health. Total cost is \$2100.

The total for all requests total \$8936.00

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic \_\_, seconded by Heather Johnston \_\_ and accepted by all.

## Special Topic

STREETPROOF YOUR CHILD FOR THE INTERNET - How to take control of the family computers and successfully manage teens' usage of the Internet Internet Safety presented by IT Professional Steve Chapelle

Topics include:

- Windows and Mac OS X security profile
- Parental controls and activity logs
- Social networking (Facebook and more)
- Technical risks and emerging legalities of file-sharing
- Practical steps to halt cyber bullying.

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### Special Request

The Parent Council is looking for two people to share the role of secretary. This is a volunteer position and would require attending executive meetings and school council meetings 8 times during the school year. Role includes taking minutes of the school council meetings that will be posted on the school web site. If you are interested in this role please come to the first meeting of the Parent Council in the Fall-date to be announced.

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

**This was the final meeting of the 2013-2014 school year. Meetings will resume in the fall of 2014 with a new speakers series. Have a fun and safe summer!**