

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

January 21 2015

Executive School Council

Marion Flanagan and Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chairs
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Sanaa Homsy and Marilyn Jakubowski, Co-Secretaries
Daniela Popovik and Robyn Konson, Event Coordinators
Lynn Liu and Tao Ma, Ward Reps
Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator
Carla Hathaway, Safe Schools Committee Rep

School Staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal
William Mack, Vice-Principal (A-L)
Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal (M-Z)
Helen Elliott, Staff Representative

1. **Welcome - School Council Co-Chair** – Marion Flanagan
 - Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers.
2. **Ward Rep** – Lynn Liu
 - There will be a presentation for the 2015/2016 TDSB Budget tomorrow, January 22 2015 at Davisville Junior Public School at 6:30-8:30. Everyone is invited to attend.
3. **Student Council Report** – President Jillian Li, Senior Vice-President Laith Goldie
 - Jillian and Laith talked through main events coming up at school
 - Charity Week started this past Monday Jan 19th. School is raising money for Ryan's Well. On Monday students sold items such as baked goods, bracelets, pizza, grilled cheese. Wednesday is Movie Madness. Thursday is a Teacher Auction which includes access to the Green Room and lunch with the English Department. Friday is a Magic Show at lunch by Mr. Rubinoff for \$5 admission.
 - NT Show "Fantasia" performances are being held on Friday January 30 and Saturday January 31st. "Fantasia" is a variety show which includes fashion with dresses made by students, dancing, drama, music. Tickets are on sale for \$20 and \$25. Silent Auction on Friday January 30th only.
 - Jillian spoke about the Opportunity Fund which is a new initiative to promote inclusion for students who need financial assistance. It will be funded by a percentage of Charity Week money and profits from student events. They now have a plan to start this year to help

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students with \$50 available per student per event, and will analyze student requests to determine which events and activities require more subsidies

4. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff

- Report card distribution is tomorrow Thursday January 22. This is an interim report card, not an “official” record card. No parent teacher interviews are scheduled but you may contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.
- Students start choosing courses for next year. On January 27 at 6:30pm there will be a session for parents with different guidance councillors available for each grade to help with course selection.

5. Staff Update – Helen Elliott

- Don't be alarmed if your student's marks have dropped. The first report card could have been based on review of previous material. The focus now should be on time management, organization, skill building, agendas being filled in and used, school/life balance.
- Parents should allow their children to pursue their interest. University is not for everyone. There are lots of opportunities that don't require university.

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

- CPR and First Aid course for Grade 9 students. Requested \$1,500.

Request was motioned by Marion Flanagan, seconded by Carla Hathaway and accepted by all.

7. Speaker Presentation

- TEENS AND MENTAL HEALTH
- Presented by Denise Lawee.

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

The next meeting will be on Monday February 23rd 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215.

Our speaker will be Chris Vollum about Internet Safety.