

# NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

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February 23 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. Student Council Report** – President Jillian Li, Senior Vice-President Laith Goldie
  - Jillian and Laith talked through main events coming up at school
  - Charity Week was a huge success.
  - Grade 12 Prom is on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Eglinton Grand. Student Council may negotiate with 1 store for corsages so students can get a discount there. Another idea is to ask alumni to donate their prior year's dress for a graduating student to wear.
  - Opportunity Fund which is a new initiative to promote inclusion for students who need financial assistance. It will be funded with 10% of charity event profits from student events. They will help students with \$50 available per student per event, and will analyze student requests to determine which events and activities require more subsidies.
  - Cafeteria – may consider a rebranding effort to promote business, possibly changing the menu.
- 3. Principal's Report** – Joel Gorenkoff
  - Report card distribution was Thursday January 22. This is an interim report card, not an “official” report card. No parent teacher interviews are scheduled but you may contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.
  - Grade 10 students must be present to write the Literacy Test on March 26. The test is mandatory to graduate.

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### 4. Staff Update – Helen Elliott

- There are lots of school events and activities as well as colds and flu. It's important to keep on top of work and assignments so students don't fall behind.

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

- Graffiti for glossy edition of newspaper. Requested \$1,000.
- Graffiti for equipment to expand beyond print eg. digital copy of newspaper, video production, podcasts for website. Requested \$550.
- Alpine Ski Team for 12 students to attend provincials. Requested \$960.
- Grade 11 Environmental Science Department and Grade 12 Biology Club to buy equipment, DNA kit for 30 students, water testing and finger printing. Requested \$3,500.
- Debating Team invited to provincial championships in Ottawa. Requested \$400.
- English for Grade 9 spoken word workshop for 200 students. Requested \$250.
- Classics for bursaries for kids. Requested \$500.
- TOTAL REQUESTED: \$7,160.

Requests were motioned by Mary Edward, seconded by Marion Flanagan and accepted by all.

### 6. Speaker Presentation

- SOCIAL MEDIA FITNESS
- Presented by Chris Vollum.

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

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215.**

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**Our speaker will be Kate Cressman from the Child Development Institute about Understanding Learning Disabilities and How They Affect Youth.**