

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2015

Executive School Council

Marion Flanagan and Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chairs
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Sanaa Homsy and Marilyn Jakubowski, Co-Secretaries
Daniela Popovic 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.
- Parents were invited to join us for refreshments after the meeting.
- Shelly Laskin, School Trustee for Ward 11, was invited to join us to give an update to parents.

2. Safe Schools Committee Rep. - Carla Hathaway

- Gave a short description on her duty as a member of the Safe School Committee and asked if any parent would be interested in filling her place on the council for the coming year. Mentioned that the committee meets every two or three months for an hour with school vice-principals Mr. Mack and Ms. Pyper, and Student Reps to discuss and support the physical and emotional status of students.
- Parents interested in this position can contact her at *hathaway.cs@gmail.com*

3. Principal's Update – Joel Gorenkoff

- Welcomed all parents
- Student council will be elected on Wednesday May 13, and will be introduced to parents during the school council meeting in September.
- Thanked Helen Elliott (staff Rep) who is taking a year off and mentioned she has offered to continue to join our meetings next year.
- Thanked Parent Council for having wonderful meetings each time.
- End of year is a time of both hard work and time to celebrate: Thursday & Friday night is Maytime Melodies at 7:30, May 28th is Prom Night, June 1st is the athletic banquet, June

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10th is the year book distribution/ lawn party/assembly, and on June 12th exams start.

- Reminded parents to check their e-mail regularly and to not hesitate to call for any query.

4. School Board Trustee - Shelly Laskin

- No secondary school strike for teachers in TDSB.
- Check the school board website for updates.
- Elementary strike lead to withdraw anything to do with the Ministry of Education (example: EQAO tests).
- Parents free to e-mail her at any time at *shelly.laskin@tdsb.on.ca*

5. Staff Rep Update (Helen Elliott)

- June 11 to 19 is the summative evaluation period (part of the exams)
- Presentations, reports and listening exams can't be missed.
- Check exam calendars with your kids.
- Textbooks check June 1st and 2nd
- School busy now with assemblies, awards, nomination and elections.
- Prom, the day before and after are not "off" days.

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

- Four requests were received this month:
 - Robotics club would like a contribution toward a **\$300** registration fee for next year (total cost to them is \$2500).
 - Archery team would like **\$1000** to buy equipment for left-handed players, bows and T-shirts
 - Girls' physical education department has an award which doesn't exist for boys. They would like \$500 to establish the same award for boys, award to be named later, total cost \$800.
 - Stage crew would like **\$4500** to purchase a programmable light board (to save time so students don't need to skip classes) total cost \$5600.

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded by Ruth Hall and accepted by all.

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5. Special Topic

- Kate Jones, BA in Psychology spoke on the topic “Understanding My Kid’s Behaviour” to help us understand the natural differences in the temperament of our kids that will lead us to a greater appreciation and acceptance of our children’s behaviors. Kate is a founder and owner of Kate Jones & Associates, an organization that provides leadership in understanding what motivates positive behavior in different personality types.\

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

The next meeting will be on September 28, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215