

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

[Monday, September 28, 2015]

Executive School Council

Marion Flanagan, Co-Chair

Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair

Anne Ferguson, Treasurer

Sanaa Homsy, Co-Secretary

(Open Position), Co-Secretary

Daniela Popovik and Robyn Konson, Event Coordinators

(Open Position), Ward Rep

Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator

(Open Position), Safe Schools Committee Rep

School Staff

Mr. Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal

Mr. William Mack, Vice-Principal (A-L)

Ms. Sima Naymark, Acting Vice-Principal (M-Z)

Natalie Bacchus, New Staff Representative

1. Welcome - Parent Council Co-Chair Teodora Miloradovic

- Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents (new and returning) and tonight's speakers.
- The 2014-2015 Executive School Council was introduced.
- Prepared the audience for nominations and the election of the 2015-2016 Executive School Council.
- There were 47 parents in attendance.

2. Student Council Report – Jack Matthews (President) and Aris van Haltren (Senior Vice President)

- They described the role of the student council as the link between the students and the school body.
- Named the current members by role of this year's Student Council.
- Highlighted current events currently underway at the school in terms of class rep's election and the club fair.
- The school charity for 2015-2016 is the Ernestine Women's Shelter and charity week is Feb 8-11th 2016.
- Re-communicated the school event reminder texting option using 647- 557 6269 and texting "@ntstudents"

3. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff

- Mr Gorenkoff welcomed everyone to the new school year.
- Spoke to the importance of communication between school and parents beginning with small issues before they escalate to bigger issues, ensuring emergency contacts are correct and kept up to date.
- He highlighted the VP and guidance assignments for the students by alpha of their last name.
- He spoke to the importance of keeping up with homework assignments, the expectations on attendance and punctuality, and on students using technology in the school and at home.

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4. School Calendar

- Mr Mack walked us through to the school calendar.
- He highlighted pg 9 in the students agenda which speaks to Achievement, Attendance and Discipline in the classroom.
- Academic Honesty/Dishonesty guidelines are on pg 12 of the students agenda.
- Safe and caring school. The online survey results are expected shortly and they will be used to build on for this year.

5. Staff Update – Natalie Bacchus

- She spoke to Internet and Social Media Safety and Responsibility
- The TDSB Code of Conduct on permissions for online postings (refer to pg 8 of student agenda)
- An overview of the NT Moodle.
- The website “Turnitin” for submitting assignments and checking for plagiarism.

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

Requests for funding came from:

- PALS - leadership retreat \$650
- Strings - retreat \$1000
- Stage crew - permanent projector for the auditorium \$320
- Graffiti- website \$1500
- Classics club- Transport for Conference \$1000

All requests were motioned by John Turnbull, seconded by Teodora Miloradovic and accepted by all.

7. Special Topic – School Council Elections

- Co-Chair Teodora Miloradovic introduced the out going council and requested for new members as many current members will be graduating this year.
- New members were voted onto the council.
- A warm welcome to Charlene Mc Kessick, Olga Bogojevic, Noreen Looney, Christina Kwong, John Turnball and Erin Uygen.

Marion Pasmore passed motion for the council and accepted by all.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 28th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 and the speaker will be the Guidance Department and Ms De Braux.

Future meetings are : Mon. Nov. 23; Wed. Jan. 20; Mon. Feb. 22; Wed. April 27; Mon. May 30