

Executive School Council**In Attendance:**

Christina Kwong, Co-Chair, Ward Rep

Ellie Morch, Co-Secretary

Daniela Popovik, Event Coordinator

Wendy Kagan, Event Coordinator

Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator

In Absence:

Noreen Tooney, Co-Secretary

Gila Rydlewicz, Safe Schools Rep

School Staff

Mr. Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal

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

Ms. Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal (M-Z)

Ms. Helen Elliott, Staff Representative

1. Welcome - School Council Co-Chair Christina Kwong

- Opened the meeting and welcomed all new and returning parents
- Reviewed the agenda and outlined meeting usually have a speaker relevant to parents with teens in high school

2. Student Council Report - Minjae Kim (President) and Jocelyn Rough (SVP)

- Role of student council as link between the student body and the school administration
- Named the current student council members
- Reviewed organizations and events the student council is involved in (North Toronto Environmental Action, Athletics, Terry Fox Run, Welcome Back Assembly, Club Fairs Day, Red & Grey Day, Charity Week)
 - The school charity for 2016-7 is the Maddie Project and Charity Week is April 3-7. This charity is in honour of Maddie Coulter, a former NT student that battled with depression. Parents are encouraged to get involved with the auction by donating or coming out to the event.
- Reviewed the Opportunity Fund that subsidizes fees for student participation in what NT has to offer and the most of the high school experience (eg fees for field trips, year book)
 - A parent asked the Clubs list once compiled be made available to the parents (eg website)

3. Staff Reports

a. Joel Gorenkoff - Principal

- Welcomed everyone to the new school year
- Reviewed School Council meetings are for raising parent concerns, issues and successes

- Opportunity to hear from the experts on issues that affect parents of teenage students (addiction, social media..) and encouraged parents to keep coming out to meetings
- Reviewed email blast for communication to parents, sign up on the ntci.on.ca website mail list
- Advised the best way to find out what is happening at school is to get involved e.g. come out to events like Mini Night, music night, Charity Auction
- Sign up for Parent-teacher interviews - see calendar
- Highlighted the importance of attendance and punctuality and reviewed procedures for late arrival and absences.
- Underlined the concept of balance with school and extracurricular activities; work hard and get involved clubs or sports outside of school. The balance proves to be a recipe for success at NT.
- Advised the school enrolment is largest its ever been. Grade 9 has 350 students (biggest on record). The school has been awarded 2 more teachers and there will be some class/teacher changes as a result and they can't be changed back.
- Supported the concept of building resilience in your child(ren) by allowing them to fail or faulted at times because bad news is part of life and they need practice dealing with it. Short cuts don't help them succeed when challenges confront them. Full time course load prepares them for university. 94% of NT grad attend university.

b. William Mack, Vice-Principal

- Reviewed report cards. There are 4 reporting periods: November, February, April and June. Report cards are sent home with the students. Ask for them. Sign up for Parent Teacher interviews is included in the November report card. Online sign up 18 November.
- Academic Dishonesty was read from the Agenda page 12.
- Reviewed the School Calendar highlighting important dates

c. Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal

- Reviewed procedures for absences and late arrivals. Send note or leave a message if reason for absence legitimate. Planned absences: talk to teacher. They will always arrange a time to write a test that was or will be missed.
- Call teacher if concerns re success/difficulties and use the teacher as a resource
- Cell phone policy and usage reviewed in detail
- Sleep matters. Staying up late on the weekend and sleeping in is like being on BC time and then Monday morning suddenly being jet lagged in Ontario time.
- Cell phones are distracting for all of us. They are to be powered down and out of site during class time unless teacher instructs otherwise. Cell phone policy reviewed.

d. Helen Elliott, Staff Representative

- ntci.on.ca school website reviewed and overview of the Moodle
 - Log in to Moodle as a guest.
 - Provided hand out with research resources and passwords accessible by Virtual Library
- e.g. good resource available: Research Success 2012
- email for teachers: firstname.lastname@tdsb.on.ca

4. Treasurer's Report, Anne Ferguson

Request for funding came from:

- PALS - leadership retreat \$1200
- Classics Club - Transport for conference \$1500
- Engineering Club - \$200
- Music Dept - retreat \$1500

All requests were motioned to approve by Karl Reitmaier and seconded by Wendy Kagan.

No discussion held.

All in favour by a show of hands - majority in favour.

Motion approved.

5. Nominations & Election of Executive School Council

Co-Chair Christina Kwong reviewed the open positions and asked for volunteers. New members volunteered and were welcomed: Falguni Turakhia (Co-Chair) Simin Keramati (Co-Secretary) Jess Hungate (Ward Rep) Will Ollerhead (Member-at-large) Janet Victor (Member-at-large)

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

Next meeting: Wednesday October 26, 2016. The speaker this meeting is: Guidance Department and Ms. De Braux.

