

NTCI School Council Meeting Minutes

(Wednesday, October 14, 2009)

1. Parent Council co-Chair Jane Lewis Introduced the Guest:

Superintendent Michael Smith for North Toronto

- Responsibility for most schools in St. Paul's riding
- Assists principals to run schools smoothly
- Employee of TDSB vs. Trustee who run the board (elected, Josh Matlow)

2. What is Happening at NT?

Representatives of student council Nina Fainman, Yu Chen Li and Yolanda Ho and Staff adviser, Ms. Jenny Hayden

Spain/France trip – Feb. 5 – 16, 2010, 6 days in Spain and 4 days in Paris. Parent meeting already occurred, 8 spots available.

Clubs at NT

(See Appendix A and B for details)

Afro Canadian

archery

B.A.A. (Boys Athletic Association)

B Boy (Break Dancing)

Best Buddies

Chess

graphic design

classics

cooking

cycling

Debate

D.E.C.A

Fashion show

French

G.A.A. (Girls Athletic Association)

Graffiti

Glee (sing/dance)

Improv

Journalism for Human Rights

Marching Band

Math club

Model U.N.

N.E.A.T. (North Toronto Environmental Action Team)

Outers Club

Pioneers & Inventors

Photography

Reach for the Top

Robotics

Salt & Light

School Play

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Spanish

Sports - BAA and GAA

- tryout periods to be posted on the website.
- Red & Grey day this Friday, football game at Northern. Each homeform has their room decorated. School council will rate them and award prizes. Creating a mural of hand prints near upper gym in red & grey.

3. Music Council Update - Chair: Brian Maltman, Liaison: Elaine Lurie

- assembly rehearsal schedule
- Choir is looking for boys, bass voices
- Bowl-a-thon: Oct 30, Friday night of bowling, teams of 6, \$80 fund raising for each student. Each team have costumes they come up with. Great prizes (one-on-one session with Jim Cuddy, iPod touch, TSO tickets). Deadline for team signup this Friday, 10 dollars for each person. looking for donations of prizes. Students who are interested but don't have team can join.

4. Principal's Report - Principal Joel Gorenkoff

- great leadership at NT among staff and students
- kids who participate in school activities/clubs will be more successful. Helps with their application to universities and scholarships.
- Thank you to school council for Commencement dinner
- changes to timetables – necessity at NT due to over enrolment. New teachers were hired in October to reduce class sizes. Challenge to incorporate new teachers with least disruption. Students will find out next week, new timetable effective on Oct. 26.
- Police will come to the school on October 15 in regards to missing Forest Hill student as there has been a connection to NT community and the vicinity

5. Staff Representative Report – Helen Elliott

- Spain/France trips
- October 23, school dance/semiformal officially sanctioned by the school with staff members, security & Police. Capacity of 250 students at Factory Lounge 10 minutes from Finch subway station, 8pm -12 am, ticket \$18.

6. Treasurer's Report – Charlotte Ryan

- Still waiting for the fees to come in, around \$20,000
- Cheque was approved for commencement dinner (\$3000)
- money to be set aside (\$8000) for things needed in new school.

7. Ward Meeting Update – Ward representative, Lapfong Wong

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- successfully saved 31 of 40 pools including NT, Northern, Deer Park and Forest Hill (were the school pools within the St. Paul riding that were saved). The Aquatics working committee is working on salvaging the pool at Winona Dr.
- at Northern, the school has partnered with a local developer company to provide \$500 K in funding to renew the school field. Due to the economic downturn, the funding is not moving forward as planned.
- Superintendent Michael Smith reported that the grade 3 and 6 students in the St. Paul Ward has shown remarkable improvement in the EQAO results because of providing additional focus on students who were previously underachievers.

8. Next meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Presentation on University Preparation and different grades

Helen Elliot will bring a presentation on waste audit done for next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.