

NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes

(Wednesday, January 19, 2010)

Executive School Council

Jane Lewis, Co-Chair
Michele Temple, Co-Chair
Charlotte Ryan, Treasurer
Helen Shi and Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Secretaries
Svea Einola, Event Coordinator
Lapfong Wong, Ward Rep
Jane Mooy, New School Liaison
Pauline Thompson, Speaker Coordinator
Elaine Lurie, Music Parent Council Liaison
Lucia Dell'Agnesse, Member at Large
Phyllis Cincinatus, Member at Large

School staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal
Mary Laszlo, Vice-Principal (A-L)
Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal (M-Z)
Lorne Smith, Teacher representative

1. Welcome - Parent Council Co-Chair Jane Lewis

- opened the meeting and welcomed all present parents.

2. Student Council Report – Martin L., President, Katherine M., VP

- Charity week is going on. We raised around \$6,000 to date. The target of this year is \$40,000.
 - Some new events: Amazing Race combining with GAA Scavenger Hunt, teacher auction at lunch, silly bands ...
 - Each homeform runs an event.
 - Treasury committee collects money raised from each class weekly.
 - The school silent auction is on Friday of the Fashion Show (Friday/Sat. Feb. 4/5 7pm).
- Course selection is coming up and the guidance department will roll out the course selection introduction soon for students. The parent info night for the course selection is on Wednesday, January 26.

3. Staff Report - Teacher representative, L. Smith,

- From Mr. Taylor, "Building Resiliency in Youth" will be held at NTCI, on Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 7 to 9 pm. This is brought by the AJHS Guidance Teacher's Advisory Committee in partnership with Forest Hill CI, Lawrence Park CI, Leaside High School, Northern Secondary School and North Toronto CI.
- Staff update – concern that school is becoming "mark factory". Athletics and music are important too. It seems that no many kids participate because they are more concerned about marks. Lots of universities are looking beyond marks (personal statement of experience), such as running clubs/camps, involvement with councils, volunteering work.
- Five-year option, victory lap year. Some kids bloom in 5th year, well around. Lots of options, co-op, writing skill development, working part time, etc.

4. Presentation - School Safety - Principal, Joel Gorenkoff

- School Safety
 - Shared responsibility
 - Mandated
 - Multi-dimensional
 - First priority

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- School
 - School based safety monitor (George)
 - Teacher/administrator supervision
 - Security camera
 - Toronto Police Service
 - Protocols (policies)
 - Training

- Staff Training
 - Risk & Threat management
 - Crisis response
 - Conflict resolution
 - CPR, First Aid & AED
 - Trespass to property & managing intruders
 - Police-School protocols
 - Search & Seizure
 - Substance abuse prevention
 - Bullying & cyber-bully prevention
 - Classroom management

- Fire & Evacuation protocols
- Lockdown & fire drills
- Visitor sign-in protocol
- Signage
- Code of conduct & progressive discipline
- Student programming
- Criminal reference check

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests – Jane Lewis on behalf of Treasurer, Charlotte Ryan

- Current balance is \$22,434.
- Four financial requests were submitted for approval this month:
 - 1) \$500 (from BAA and GAA) for a new volleyball referee platform.
 - 2) \$900 for Nunavut Exchange program. Leadership class from NT is being offered a chance to participate in a YMCA Youth exchange program by “twinning” with a group of students from Iqaluit, Nunavut. \$500 for transportation (from airport to school, TTC tickets etc) and \$400 for guest speakers and materials.
 - 3) \$900 (Mr. Smith) for boys in the grade 9 phys-ed classes to be CPR certified by instructors. Parent council co-chair Jane Lewis will contact Mr. Smith to see why this request is for boys only.
 - 4) \$450 for the NT NEAT (NT Environmental Action Team) to fund the winning homeform from the Waste Diversion Contest to the Brickworks trip.

All 4 requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded by Jo-Anne Archibald, accepted by all.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 2011. We will have a special speaker – Neuroscientist and clinical psychologist, Dr. Ron Clavier.