

NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Executive School Council

Jane Lewis, Co-Chair
Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair
Charlotte Ryan, Treasurer
Marion Flanagan and Helen Shi, Co-Secretaries
Phyllis Cincinatus and Elaine Lurie, Event Coordinator
Lapfong Wong, Ward Rep
Pauline Thompson, Speaker Coordinator
Lucia Dell'Agnese, Member at Large
Heather Johnston, 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. What's Happening at NT? – Student Council Report** – Isaac Marlow-Dilworth and Frank Hyun
 - NT won their football game which was their first Red and Grey Day match on the new field
 - the leadership retreat in Orillia was a success
 - clubs are still accepting new members – see the NT website for more information
 - Nov. 16 is the last day for grad photos
 - NT clothing orders are due on Nov. 17
 - the holiday assembly will be on Dec. 13
 - they are currently deciding the format for winter charity program
 - charity week will be Jan. 23-27 and will raise money for Spread the Net, a charity which aims to prevent death by malaria
 - Jan. 16-20 is Education Week- there will be lunch hour events to learn about various charities
 - the “semi” will be on Jan. 20 and the theme is Winter Masquerade
 - the silent auction for the Feb. 3 fundraiser needs donations and prizes – if you have new items in unopened packages to donate, please contact: ntsilentauction2012@gmail.com or Jenny Hayden in the Guidance office.

- 3. What's Happening at NT? - Principal's Report** – Joel Gorenkoff
 - Report Card mailing on Nov. 17 will have a unique code to be used when registering online for Parent-Teacher Interviews plus the exam schedule is in the mailing and EQAO results, where applicable.

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- an effort was made to ensure there will be no exams scheduled on Fri. Dec. 23 so that the latest day will be Thurs. Dec. 22
- the Jr. Girls' Basketball Team won the city finals
- on the day the students get their report cards, they will be able to drop in to workshops called Stress Busters – they can try out mediation, yoga, journey dance or sound therapy to discover new ways to reduce stress
- enrollment at NT will be very tight next year since they are currently over capacity – very few students will come from outside the district
- a student census will be held on Nov. 28 – it is anonymous and completed every 5 years to understand the needs of the students – a pamphlet was sent home on Nov. 15

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests – Charlotte Ryan

- Charlotte reviewed the treasurer's report printed on the back of the agenda
- the field hockey team wished to express their thanks for our donation
- three financial requests were submitted for approval this month:
 - 1) a semi-annual request for \$2600 to pay for supply teachers for all field trips.
 - 2) the commencement committee asked for \$600 for Convocation Awards given to the top three Grade 12 students (based on average marks from best six courses).
 - 3) the NT Environmental Action Team (NEAT) asked for \$100 to buy red, grey and white tulip bulbs to be planted in the courtyard to bloom for the Alumni Reunion

All requests were motioned by Leslie Goldenberg, seconded by Supriya Sarin and accepted by all.

5. Ward Rep Update - Lapfong Wong

- at the Oct. 27 Ward Meeting, Dr. Chris Spence, Director of Education spoke about the Vision of Hope
- they also discussed the stress of achieving good marks in Grade 12

6. Speaker Presentation - The Path to Post-Secondary

- Ms. de Braux from NTCI Student Services Department presented grade by grade preparations for post secondary
- guidance supports four destinations: apprenticeship, university, college and direct to work
- student choices are always changing and our old biases are no longer correct
- our job as parents is to learn what we can since our children rely on us for help
- it's best to support what is of interest to the child and to keep the channels of communication open
- university is best for students who wish to explore their area of interest more
- college gives job-specific training for those who know what they want to do – colleges are linked to industry and offer high placement rates
- reviewed the grade by grade recommendations listed in the handout

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- students should pick up their community service passports to track their volunteer hours and check eligibility criteria
- there will be an assembly for Gr. 10 students with a panel of colleges – those in Gr. 11 and 12 may also attend
- all NT students should sign up for the student mail list

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next meeting – Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. will feature the Winter Parent Q & A Panel