

NTCI Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Executive School Council

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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 and speakers.

2. **What's Happening at NT? – Student Council Report** – Frank Hyun
 - NT Idol has been running this week, 15 contestants started and they now have 5 remaining
 - On Monday, during home form events, the class brainstormed on how to raise money for charity (pizza lunch, etc.)
 - Tuesday – a special event called Reality Check - \$100 per team of 4 to join – it's made up of a mix of reality TV shows
 - Wednesday – Annual GAA Scavenger Hunt – 2 people per team \$10 to join
 - Thursday – Teacher Auction – teachers offer prizes and students bid on them, like elevator passes for a week, breakfast with the English Dept.
 - Friday – students vs. teachers ball hockey tournament
 - Feb. 3 and 4 is Fashion Show – there will be a silent auction – the theme this year is Neverland – they are still accepting donations for silent auction

3. **What's Happening at NT? - Principal's Report** – Joel Gorenkoff
 - Grade 8 Applications: there are limited spots – each year turn away 500-600 – this year will need to accept less Grade 9's – this year they will most likely be able to take in-district kids and siblings, but not many from out of district

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- From Jan. 28 – Feb. 8, students will be hearing about course options from Guidance to help them decide on what courses and what levels to take next year – Feb. 1 is the Parent Information Night – Guidance will talk about all the prerequisites to help with course selection – an email will be sent shortly
- On Jan. 26 a report card is coming out detailing student progress since exams were written
- Grade 10 parents will receive a second report card showing marks from Civic/Careers since it is a half year course on Feb. 8.

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

- We are still in a good financial position (see back of agenda for details)
- The Classics Club is an active club of about 25 students – they are going to a student classics conference at Brock U. and would like \$600 for bus transportation
- There is a request for \$750 for CPR certificate training for Grade 9 boys in Phys. Ed. Class (note that the girls were taught this in October)

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded by Anne Hurst and accepted by all.

5. Parent's Panel

- The panel was made up of parents of NT students from a variety of grades - they have volunteered their time and don't profess to be experts
- Parents in the audience were encouraged to also offer advice and input
- The ensuing discussion covered topics from how to set curfews, to setting limits on the use of technology, to encouraging extra-curricular activities

Thanks were given to the panel members and the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be on Wed. Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 and the speaker will be Dr. Amy Cheung on “Adolescent Anxiety and Mental Health”.