

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

April 16 , 2013

Executive School Council

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair

Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair

Anne Ferguson, Treasurer

Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary

Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary

Phyllis Cincinatus, Trisha Grace and Robyn Konson, Event Coordinators

Janet Bragg, Speaker Coordinator

Carla Hathaway, Member at Large

School Staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal

Helen Elliott, Staff Representative

1. Welcome - Parent Council Co-Chair Heather Johnston

- Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers

2. Student Council Report – Marcus Gottlieb (Pres.) and Dong An (SVP)

- Charity week was a success with daily activities such as a scavenger hunt and pizza lunches. On May 9th, at Maytime Melodies, there will be a Silent Auction to raise funds and all proceeds will be given to Blessings in a Backpack.
- Nomination forms for school council and home form rep's are due April 23rd. Elections will be held in May. An election assembly was held which describes the positions on council. There are opportunities for students in all grades to participate.

3. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff

- Report cards were distributed on April 9th. Final exam schedules for students and program verification forms for the 2013-2014 school year were also included in the package with the report cards
- April 10th was the Literacy Test for Grade 10 students. We had a great turnout even though the weather was poor. Results will be available in a few months.
- May 9th is the date for the Silent Auction for Charity Week. Maytime Melodies is scheduled for May 9-10.
- May 16th – Incoming Grade 9 Transition evening. There are 300+ new students coming into the school next year. New parents will have a presentation from 6:30-7:30pm in the

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auditorium. From 7:30-8:00pm, informal tours of the school will be given by PALS, a social time (with coffee and cookies) as well as forms for parents to pick up.

- Prom is scheduled for May 30th at the Palais Royale. Tickets cost \$110 which includes the cost of dinner and the dance. Students are encouraged to attend and have a good time but not be under any influences.

4. Staff Report- Ms. Elliott

- Staff are back with extracurricular activities and field trips. The sports teams are up and running although the season may be condensed with games occurring during school class hours. It is important for students to be organized and balance school work with extracurricular activities
- It is the students responsibility to pre-plan with teachers for time missed in class due to sports or field trips.
- Summatives are like final exams. Final marks are worth 30% of overall grade. Usually a combination of an exam and a summative (project) Please check each class to see what the format will be.
- Summatives have a due date. Students can hand in advance if missing the due date or if ill they need to get a doctors note

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests – Anne Ferguson

There was only one request for funds at this time-NT Media Productions (in house media club) is asking for \$1200 to purchase new equipment such as cameras, SD cards and microphones. The total cost is \$2600.

The vote to accept the request was motioned by Andrew Saunders, seconded by Phyllis Cincinatus and accepted by all.

6. Request from Parent Council-Heather Johnston

- School council is looking for an Events Coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year. There are two main events which need to be led. Commencement in October and the Staff appreciation breakfast in May next year. If anyone is interested in this position please contact the school council. There are two parents helping organize these events, we just need someone to coordinate the work.

7. Speaker Presentation : Michael Waxman, : Talk to me, not your phone”

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-Helping parent's build an understanding of why their children are so hooked on their phones/internet

Setting appropriate limits with cell phone/internet/electronics

-How to have positive interactions with your teenage children

Having difficult conversations face-to-face

Teaching your children to have positive interactions both face-to-face and through the Internet

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

The next meeting will be on May 15th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 .