

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

[November 19th, 2013]

Executive School Council in attendance

Heather Johnston, Co-Chair
Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chair
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Marion Flanagan, Co-Secretary
Veronica Gale, Co-Secretary
Daniela Popovik Event Coordinator
Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator
Carla Hathaway, Member at Large
Angela Coon, Member at Large

School Staff in attendance

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.
- Forest Hill Collegiate is hosting a Speaker Series on December 10th at 7pm by Frances Satzman. Topic- Identity Thief and Internet Safety. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to : fhschoolcouncil@gmail.com
- Regulation 274 – a new government rule in effect which affects the hiring guidelines for teachers. This is a very political subject and more information is to follow at the next Parent Council meeting.

2. Student Council Report – Edmund Park (President) and Ryan Alizadeh (Senior Vice President)

- The Halloween School dance held at NT on Nov 1st was a huge success and lots of fun
- Charity Week will be from January 20-24th 2014 and the money raised will be donated to Make a Wish Canada Foundation. There will be a silent auction on Jan 31st which is the Friday night performance of the NTCI Fashion Show-‘Chroma’ If you can make a donation (tickets or merchandise) please contact Ryan at alizadehran@gmail.com
- The Visual Arts Department is looking for 190 old hardcover books. They will be converting them into pieces of art. If you have some unwanted books, please bring them to Room 227
- The Student Council would like to create a Holiday display at NTCI. If you have any “old unused’ decorations please drop them outside of the school office by next Wednesday morning(Nov 27th)

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3. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff

- Parent /Teacher interviews are scheduled for Nov. 21st. A sheet with instructions on how to sign up online was included in the report card package that was sent home last week. Also included was the December exam schedule. Please call the office if you are missing this information. Copies of the exam schedule are available at the Guidance Office.
- Remembrance Day Assembly at NT was impressive. The Veterans were piped in and alumnae students that are currently serving in the military spoke to the students.
- December exams are from Dec.11-19th. There is no school on December 20th
- Please remind your Grade 12 student that Grad Photos need to be done by Dec 4th-5th. Sign up is on line and the photo goes on a composite photo and all Grade 12 students get a copy
- November 28th is the Music Department's Fall Fair starting at 7 pm. Tickets are available for purchase.

4. Staff Update – Helen Elliott

- It continues to be a very busy time at the school
- The Girls Senior Basketball team is going to OFFSA
- NT marching band participated at the Toronto Santa Claus parade this Sunday and will be in the Markham Santa Claus parade on Nov 30th
- Please confirm with your student when they have exams in Dec. Any missed exam will result in a 0% mark. If your student is ill they need a doctors note to miss the exam.
- Guidance offers study skills workshops and information on EQAO. Work with your student to 'map out' when all projects are due.

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

- Our current bank balance is \$21,146.99
- The Girls Senior Basketball Team has made it to OFFSA and are asking for \$350 or \$25/student to offset the cost of attending this event. Total cost is \$2500
- The Classics Club is requesting \$600 to offset the cost of attending the Classics Conference in May at Brock University. Total cost is \$3600

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic __, seconded by Heather Johnston __ and accepted by all.

6. Special Topic

- Preparing for University or College-Connecting the Dots between Education and Career.
- Mark Franklin, Practice Leader at Career Cycles provided an Interactive session which covered: Linkage between Education and Careers, First Year success and program choices, clarifying strengths, desires and others peoples influences and The changing role of parents.
- Contact info for Mark 416-465-9222 or www.careercycles.com

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

The next meeting will be on January 15th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 and a panel of NT parents from each grade will discuss the changes that take place as students enter the each school year. They will share their thoughts, experience and advice on the joys and challenges of raising teens at NT. The format will be a moderated panel with a chance for your questions to be answered.