

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

Executive School Council

Marion Flanagan and Teodora Miloradovic, Co-Chairs
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Sanaa Homsy and Marilyn Jakubowski, Co-Secretaries
Daniela Popovic and Robyn Konson, Event Coordinators
Lynn Liu and Tao Ma, Ward Reps
Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator
Carla Hathaway, Member at Large, Safe Schools Committee Rep

School Staff

Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal
William Mack, Vice-Principal (A-L)
Kathleen Pyper, Vice-Principal (M-Z)
Helen Elliott, Staff Representative

1. Welcome - School Council Co-Chair – Marion Flanagan

- Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents and speakers.
- Thanked the student council for their hard work.
- Parents who are interested to join the Parent Council are welcomed to speak to any of the Parent Council member; we are looking for new members in September

2. Student Council Report - Jillian Li

- Spirit Week with different themes was a success (Twin day, Country day, Jersey day, and Drama day).
- Student election for next year to be announced, last day for nomination is April 22nd at 3:30 pm in room 323.
- Prom venue was reconsidered for it to be more affordable, aiming at 100\$/ticket, all info will be announced by next week

3. Principal's Update – Joel Gorenkoff

- Welcomed all parents
- April 10th a package was sent home with students with the official report card. Any concerns to be addressed to teachers or vice principal as soon as possible.
- Grade 12 students - attendance is mandatory and it still affects their university acceptance.
- The loss of a student in grade 9 was a shock to all peers and staff, Grief counsellors and social workers are in to help students to manage grief.
- Visitation is on Thursday April 16th.
- May 4th to 8th is Mental Health Awareness Week (encourage students to participate.
- Exam structure is changing, ministry guidelines dictate that major be once per year, at the end of the academic year. Testing will still be done as it is throughout the year.

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- Student Climate Survey was sent home, to be completed by April 30th, results to be discussed next academic year, Parents also can participate.
- Carla Hathaway is unable to present the Caring & Safe Schools Committee report. Vice Principal, Mr. William Mack is coordinating, more information to be given at a later time.

4. Staff Rep Update (Helen Elliott)

- All clubs/ field trips are in process.
- Students will be given all their assignments' due dates in May, parents are encouraged to help them organise their timetable schedule for their final exams.

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

- Shared a thank you note from a club for covering their bus expenses
- There is one request for funding:
 1. Field Hockey team needs to maintain a program to provide opportunity for competition cost 7500, requesting 1000\$

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded by Marion Flanagan and accepted by all.

6. Special Topic

- **Kate Cressman**, A Community Education and Engagement Facilitator, presented “Walk a Mile in my Shoes” workshop. Spoke about LDs (learning disabilities) and the topics were
 2. What are LDs?
 3. What do LDs affect?
 4. What causes LD?
 5. What helps?
 6. What is dyslexia?

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

The next meeting will be on Monday May 11th 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215