

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 23rd, 2015
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Room 215

Executive School Council

Marion Flanagan, Teodora Miloradovic: Co-Chairs
Anne Ferguson: Treasurer
Sanaa Homsy, Noreen Looney: Co-Secretaries
Daniela Popovik, Robyn Konson: Event Coordinators
Karl Reitmaier: Speaker Coordinator
Charline McKissick: Safe Schools Committee Rep
Christina Kwong: Ward Rep (TBC)
John Turnbull: Member-at-large

School Staff

Mr. Joel Gorenkoff: NTCI Principal
Mr. William Mack: Vice-Principal (A-L)
Ms. Kathleen Pyper: Vice-Principal (M-Z)
Ms. Sima Naymark: Acting VP (M-Z)
Ms. Natalie Bacchus: Staff Representative

1. Welcome - Parent Council Co-Chair - Teodora Miloradovic

- Opened the meeting and welcomed all parents (new and returning) and tonight's speaker.
(there were 96 parents in attendance)

2. Principal's Report – Joel Gorenkoff

- the Student Council president and VP were not able to attend tonight to give update
- our big charity week is in February for Ernestine's Womens Shelter, please support it and encourage your children to do so
- report cards went home last Friday, there are 70 still in the office waiting to be picked up
- Parent Teacher interviews period reduced, but you should contact your teacher as you are entitled to find out how your kids are doing
- Dec. 3rd is Fall Fare, our big music night, buy tickets in advance as they are always sold out the night of

3. Staff Update – Natalie Bacchus

- now that report cards went out last Friday, it's important to maintain momentum, stay positive
- even if you didn't get a P/T slot time, call or email the teacher
- it's important to sit down with your child and come up with a plan of action
- if your child needs extra help, they can visit the guidance office and be set up with a tutor

- teachers see your child every second day, the next Report card will more accurately reflect progress

- Private schools / institutions are not recommended for your children to attend, the marks there are inflated and universities don't want to see that, a full course load here at NT helps your child to prepare for staying in university and builds resiliency

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Requests - – Anne Ferguson

- Two requests were received this month:

1. Hockey Team with 24 members asks for \$735.00 to attend two competitions
2. A new club “North Toronto Business Club” asks for \$800.00 to promote the club, teach financial literacy, host a business meeting and a field trip competition for 30 students

- One request from Alumni, a letter from Nancy McFadden re special project to raise money for a new trophy case as the old one in the old school was built-in and lost when the school was torn down, need a place to house trophies going back 70 years, it will be placed near the south exit with lighting

- we would like to donate \$500.00 now and revisit at end of school year to see if we are able to give them any more money

All requests were motioned by Teodora Miloradovic, seconded by John Turnbull and accepted by all.

5. Special Topic – Teodora Miloradovic

- fundraiser for The Maddie Project: “Shine Bright”, Sunday Dec. 20th, 2015, 4 to 7 pm, Enoch Turner School House, Tickets \$10.00, flyers available with info

- The Maddie Project also needs volunteers for their Fairview Mall Gift Wrapping Station from Nov. 28 to Dec. 24th, multiple shifts available, email saiyyada.rizvi@nygh.on.ca or 416-756-6204; Volunteer hours would count for students quota, please pass invites along

6. Speaker Presentation

Guest Speaker: Michelle Keeley, a teacher with twenty years of experience, a certified personal and parenting coach and a mother of two teenage boys presents: "The Teenage Tango"

- Your Teenager is the dramatic one and the Parent's role is to pull them back.

- Many teens derail, accept it as mandatory time of transformation, like a caterpillar. It's not personal. They will try on different personalities abruptly, something they need to do.

- Their main question is: “Who am I?”

- Parents should respond rather than react as they transition from “Manager” to “Consultant”
- Be very clear with your instructions; spell out clearly what you’re looking for.
- Now is the time to have a conversation about condoms especially with potential of thirty sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- At a neutral time, tell them playfully that you know they can’t stand you that this is temporary, and you like to be with them anyway and you will not be put off. Try to be lighthearted about it.

- she referenced New Yorker article from August 2015:

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/08/31/the-terrible-teens>

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 20th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 on the Second Floor, and the speaker will be: JACS’ David Kofman re Drugs and Alcohol.

Future 2016 meetings are: Mon. Feb. 22; Wed. April 27; Mon. May 30

Parent Reminders:

NT Council Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 and end at 9:00 pm. Parents attending NT Council Meetings is an excellent way for them to keep current on NT activities and to share information with other NT parents. We would look forward to seeing you there.

The NT Council has a position open on the Executive for a “Safe Schools Committee Rep.” for anyone interested in volunteering. This committee meets every two or three months for an hour with school vice-principals and Student Reps to discuss and support the physical and emotional status of students.

Please sign up for our school email list and you will receive reminders for these meetings as well as news items to help you stay connected with your student. Sign up information can be found on the About page or visit:

<http://ntci.on.ca/main-office/mailing-lists/>

Those unable to attend may catch up via the NT Council Meetings minutes posted online:
<http://ntci.on.ca/main-office/school-council/>

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