

NTCI Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2016

Executive School Council

In Attendance

Christina Kwong, Co-Chair, Ward Rep
Falguni Turakhia, Co Chair
Anne Ferguson, Treasurer
Wendy Kagan, Event Coordinator
Daniela Popovik, Event Coordinator
Simindokht Keramati, Co-secretary
Jess Hungate, Ward Rep
Janet Vidtor, Member-at-large
Gila Rydlewicz, Safe Schools Rep

In Absence

Ellie Morch, Co-Secretary
Will Ollerhead, Member-at-large
Noreen Tooney, Co-Secretary
Karl Reitmaier, Speaker Coordinator

School Staff

Mr. Joel Gorenkoff (Principal)
Ms. Hellen Elliott

1. **Welcome** – Ms. Falguni Turkhia and Ms. Christina Kwong – Co-Chairs
 - Opened meeting and welcomed new and returning parents.

2. **Update from the student council** – Minjae Kim (President)
 - 1st music concert will be on December 6th and tickets are available for \$10
 - There will be no school on Friday Dec. 2nd
 - School starts at 10am on Tuesday November 29th
 - Selected charity to work with for this year is “New Circle”, preparing gift bags for Christmas and new year
 - Tuesday Nov. 29th and Wednesday November 30th providing school rings, 2 designs for boys and 2 designs for girls, students can place their orders in these two days
 - Tuesday December 6th students can place their orders for the sweatshirts, T-shirts and apparel with NTCI logo and name on them

3. **Principal’s Update** – Mr. Joel Gorenkoff (Principal)
 - Gave an introduction on the wonderful speaker for this meeting

- Mentioning that we are having other guests from Northern for this meeting
- The report cards are important and make sure to read the teacher comments. He also recommended the parents to email the teachers and book an appointment with them in case they were not able to meet them on the teacher/parent meeting day.
- Let the students improve their marks in case they need to do it before going somewhere else
- The best way to stay in contact with the teachers is their emails
- For grade 12 please encourage your child to go to the grad photo day and take the grad photos. This might be a precious memory for them in the future
- On Wednesday December 14th there will be no school, since the grade 8 from junior-senior schools are coming to visit NTCl in the morning and in the evening

4. Staff Update – Ms. Helen Elliot (Staff Representative)

- It is important to have conversation with your kid and with their teacher to let them know how to improve their marks by encouraging your kids to continue to work on it.
- Phones are not allowed in the class while the teacher is teaching a lesson unless there is a task for it in class. So please do not call or text them during the class, however the students may use their phones before and after the school and at lunch time

5. Treasurer’s Report & Financial Requests – Ms. Anne Ferguson (Treasurer)

Requests for funding came from:

- Mental health workshop for grades 11 & 12, Takes place and supervised over night at the school. The cost of the project is \$700 / asked for \$500, to raise money for \$2700
- Ted-Ex Youth, 75 students have been involved, total project \$35

Overall total \$13,677.61

6. Q: Is there a mental health workshop for grades 9 & 10 as well?

Anne responded: The mental health workshop is for grades 11 & 12 and it will be held during the night, it is supervised and since it will be overnight program fees will be needed for care takers, breakfast and related costs. There are programs during the school year for grades 9 & 10 such as Yoga, Meditation and Kickboxing

Q: Is the Ted-Ex youth for all grades?

Yes, it is. 75 students are involved with it.

All requests were motioned to approve by Gila Rydelwiczand seconded by Christina Kwong.

No discussion held. All in favour by a show of hands – majority in favour.

Motion approved

7. Presentation: Social Media – Mr. Steve Chapelle (Guest Speaker)

First Ms. Falguni Turkhia introduced the guest speaker and invited him to start the presentation.

- The presentation was focused on the Social Media in the family. With various digital tools like: android and ios
- Examples of social media usage by family members that create unnecessary risks were mentioned. For this Mr. Chapelle tried to give sufficient examples from various instagram pages belonging to different members of a family.
- The importance of account security was the next step in the presentation, as well as parental controls and getting ready for adulthood (especially for the kids in high school).
- As mentioned in the handout the presentation is for parents and caregivers only
- Based on the presentation and the provided handout usage agreement and Controls are the two methods that could be implemented for managing children's social media usage
- Be careful with the agreements you sign when purchasing an app
- Mind the location information you are sharing with your followers and friends on the social media, this might easily end up with a burglary or worse.
- Monitor your child's account and their friends' anonymously
- Make sure that your child does not share any of their passwords with their friends.
- Screen lock:
IOS: Settings > (Touch ID &) passcode > Turn Passcode on
Android: Settings > My Device > Lock Screen > PIN
- App purchase end control:
IOS: Settings > General > Restrictions
Android: Google Play > Menu > Settings > Require authentication for purchases

In the end Ms. Christina Kwong Thanks Mr. Chapelle for his wonderful presentation

8. Parent Q & A

(Also see above)

- Q: Is it possible to delete all the information from the devices we used?
Mr. Chapelle answered: Yes, you may delete all the information on the device you were using before handing it to a new user. You may reset the factory settings on your device. Or if you are not going to use the device ever again you may want to break and demolish the CPU and the Memory of it.
- Q: Is it possible to delete all the information from the social media that you used in the past?
Mr. Chapelle answered: You may log out and delete your usage, but the information will always be there and whenever you want to go back and use them again you'll find out that the information are still there. However others might not be able to see there

Meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 25th 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 215 (2nd floor)

Speaker: TBD