

Minutes of the North Toronto Collegiate Institute Parent Council
Thursday November 5, 2020

A. Will Ollerhead (interim chair) brought meeting to order

B. Introductions of council members

Will Ollerhead - 5 years on council - previously organized speakers and willing to serve as chair for this year – unable to serve on council beyond *next* year

Janet Victor - 5 years on council - previous treasurer - willing to serve as treasurer - will leave council at the end of the year

Melania Hobbs - 2 years - previously in charge of communications - willing to serve as communications

Sharone Ostrovsky - new to council this year - willing to help in whatever capacity

Shanshan Tang - 3rd year in council - Ward liaison

Thashnee Spieker - new to council - happy to take on grade 9 parents

Vera Van Horne - new to council - happy to take on grade 9 parents

Barbara Kornovski - 1 year on council as previous grade 9 parent rep - willing to be member at large or share other role

Other council members

William Mack – principal (present)

Student reps (not present)

Teacher rep - Helen Elliott - head of ESL and modern languages (not present)

C. Appointment of members to the roles on council

The roles of the various council positions were reviewed, and the following persons were acclaimed to the following roles:

Will Ollerhead - chair

Janet Victor - treasurer - to be shadowed by Thashnee Spieker and/or Vera Van Horne to help with transition to next year's council

Shanshan Tang - ward liaison

Barbara Kornovski and Sharone Ostrovsky - co-secretaries

Melania Hobbs and Sharone Ostrovsky - co-communications

Thashnee Spieker and Vera Van Horne - co-grade 9 parent reps

D. Recruitment of additional parent volunteers to fill other roles

Action: Will Ollerhead will draft a communication for Mr. Mack's weekly bulletin seeking additional parents to join the council including:

- Parent students attending the virtual school
- Parents with experience as chairs or treasurers of committees
- Parents willing to identify special events
- Parents willing to act as speaker coordinators
- Parents willing to act as community safety liaison.

The above communication will also include in communication information about Josh Matlow's event on community safety on November 24

E. Scheduling future meetings

Council has decided on the following dates for meeting in the 2020-2021 school year

- Nov 30th
- Jan 25
- Feb 22
- Apr 26
- May 31
- June 14 (parent council meeting only)

parent council will meet from 6:30-7:30

parent meeting at large 7:30-8:30

Standing agenda items for each meeting

- Chair's introduction
- Principal's report
- Student Council report
- Treasurer update
- Speaker
- Other business

F. Speakers for parent meetings

In a typical year, there are guidance presentations in October on pathways to success, university fair (to be held virtually this year); guidance presentation on scholarships (January) and on applications to university for parents

Other speaker topics have included: use of devices/mental health/wellness/drug use/marihuana/human trafficking

Action - Mr. Mack to ask member of guidance department to provide a presentation for November 30th meeting

G. School statement of needs

(a summary of the attributes of the principal in the event that NTCI's would need to be replaced)

Action: Will to circulate last year's version and then the council will provide input

(meeting adjourned)