

## North Toronto Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting: April 5th, 2005

### Welcome (Eric Miglin)

### Minutes of February 22, 2005

- The February 22<sup>nd</sup> Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.
- On an ongoing basis, the draft minutes will be posted within one week on the N.T.C.I web-site. In addition, a link to the previous month's minutes will be on the agenda for the upcoming meeting. This way, parents can review the minutes in preparation to approve them at the meeting.

### Student Council (Hanchu Chen)

- **Spring Fling week** is happening this week. The schedule of events is as follows: Battle of the Bands Monday, Tuesday Dodge Ball, Wednesday Karaoke in the foyer and Ultimate Frisbee on the back field, Thursday Tropical Beach day and Friday is second Semi-Formal of the year.
- **Elections:** Next week, the student election process (for the 05/06 school year) starts. First, there will be a search for Chief Electoral Officers and then the election phase starts. Students can run for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Convenor, BAA and GAA.

### Principal's Report (Ashley Waltman)

- A **volunteer** is needed for Thursday to drive students to a Latin conference in Orillia just before noon.
- **Interim Report Cards** are coming out next week on April 14<sup>th</sup> (format is one comment, one mark). The marks on this report card are cumulative.
- A **Music Soiree** is happening Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 in the cafeteria.
- **Maytime Melodies** is taking place on April 28<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Music Department has received a **Kiwanis Scholarship** for \$250.
- The **Teenage Years Workshop** is happening at Northern Secondary on April 6<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to attend.
- Introduction of **Mark Kinoshita** (Curriculum Leader for Science, Web-Master, Robotics, Alpine Skiing).
- **New Building:** They are currently designing a contract. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Principal, all curriculum leaders and a secretary visited a new school 'Richmond Green' to identify what they liked/didn't like.
- **Semi-Formal** is this Friday and is only open to North Toronto students. Parents take note that any event that is happening after this dance is not a school sanctioned event.
- **School Tone:** Reminders will come out regarding students picking up garbage, not having cell phones in use etc.
- **Graffiti:** There has been graffiti sprayed over the front doors and on a back window. There is an emergency order in to have the doors painted.
- **Locker Break-Ins:** There were locker break-ins happening, typically in the late afternoon.
- **Hall Monitor:** Next year we will have half of a Hall Monitor.
- **Asbestos:** A Toronto Parent Report was released indicating asbestos was in the school. There is no health risk from asbestos in this school.
- **Work to Rule:** Support Staff are still on Work to Rule. They are taking breaks and lunch at the same time as each other and they cannot do purchase orders
- **Grade 12 Students:** It is important that Grade 12 students, who have applied to university, maintain their grades, otherwise they jeopardize their acceptance to university.

- **Staffing:** This is how it works:
  1. First determine the enrollment of the school. Enrollment is based on full-time equivalent (so if a child takes 6 courses, NTCI receives credit for one student, but if the student takes 5 courses, NTCI receives credit for 5/8 of a student).
  2. Next take number of students at end of October averaged with the end of March and that is the effective number of students.
  3. Take the effective number of students (999) and multiply by the average number of courses (7.61) and divide by 6.25 (the average number of classes a teacher teaches).
  4. Finally, divide by a factor (that is different depending on the number of academic courses versus applied etc.).
  5. All this leads to 56.0 teachers of which 49.5 are classroom teachers. (Note: we are effectively down 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a classroom teacher versus last year).
  6. This is multiplied by the number of classes that each teacher can teach to get the total number of sections.
  7. The Staffing Committee then tries to figure out the best way to allocate staffing.

**Financial Report (Simon Berkowitz)**

Started year with \$8,658.

Raised \$16,300 in Student Fees.

Have already given out \$14,636 would like to leave \$8,500 in bank.

We discussed and agreed financial requests to review as follows:

DECA Competition Support	\$200	Motion to move Simon Berkowitz, seconded by Abdi Nur
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There was a nice thank-you note received for funds that the Council has given to the NTCI IT Department.

**Other Issues**

- **Music Accompanists:** Music students are required to find a student accompanist for their final exam. There is a list of students, but if they cannot find someone, they must hire someone. This does not seem right. Ashley Waltman is looking into this issue and will report back at the next Council meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Shelley Laskin and seconded by Gloria Constantine.

**Next Meeting**

May 31st