

# **North Toronto Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Welcome** by Eric Miglin: Co-Chair

## **Student Council Report** Irvin Choo (President)

- The week of January 23<sup>rd</sup> was Charity Week. An incredible \$41,000 was raised in charity week!
- Elections for next year's Student Council will happen soon. The Chief Electoral Officers have been chosen and they will have the responsibility of organizing the election process. The two Chief Electoral Officers are: Jessica van Royen, and Jennifer Bok. Most of the Student Council is graduating. The Staff Advisor, Kathy McConnachie is retiring. Next year's Staff Advisor will be Jenny Hayden.
- The Graduation Formal will happen on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Farewell Lawn Party will happen right before the June Mathematics exam.

## **Anne Johnson Health Station (Brenda O'Neill, Executive Director)**

- The catchment area for the Anne Johnson Health Station is St.Clair to the 401 and Bathurst to Bayview. Seventeen high schools are in this catchment area – one of the densest areas of the city. Definition of youth is those who are 13 to 24 and who live, work or go to school in the catchment area. There are 3000 active youth that use the centre from the catchment area.
- The centre is funded by Ministry of Health.
- Interdisciplinary team on staff including doctors, nurse practitioners, chiropractist, pharmacists, counselors, therapists etc. They work together and implement programs together to meet the needs of the community.
- There is concern in the community regarding access to care and dieticians but sometimes the connection is indirect regarding other programs (for example, a program in martial arts).
- All of services are free, and completely confidential.
- One of key programs is Reproductive Health. Youth are typically seen by a nurse.
- The Staff are connected with a hospital if necessary.
- There is a youth advisory committee (YAC) who provide advice and input to the Board of Directors.
- The Health Station also sees people with disabilities from all areas of Toronto.
- We reviewed a couple of programs such as: 1)Stress Busters – Series for Youth, 2)Capoeira: A fabulous blend of Brazilian Martial Art, dance, Core Stability Training and Relaxation, and 3)Parents in Transition presentation about teen sexuality. We also reviewed the flyer for Youth Advisory Committee meetings (youth that participate are eligible for community service hours).

## **Principal's Report (Ashley Waltman)**

- Staffing Process: 57.5 staff have been allocated to North Toronto for next year which is same as this year. Student projection has gone up from 999 to 1035.
- Amorous Ambassador: Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> the play "Amorous Ambassador" is being performed at NTCI. The students are really working hard for this production.
- Art Show: There is an NTCI student art show at the Todmorden Mills Gallery until April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Dance: This took place on April and was a big success.
- Media: The suspension rate by school was recently announced in the media. NTCI's suspension rate for last year was 2.54% and this year it is 1.39%.
- New Building: A design team meeting will happen May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Vice-Principals' Report (Mary Laszlo)**

- Classroom Technology Migration Initiative (CTMI): The Board is attempting to find out what types of computers are in each school. The Board wants to bring the levels of computer up to a standard level. They also want to connect the computers to the main server in the Board so that they can fix it remotely if there are issues. Also, they are looking at Software Licenses. There had to be a review of which computers needed to be replaced. The Board is giving 108 new computers to replace the ones that are going away (this is about 40% of the computers in the school).
- Exam Schedule: In order to alleviate parents' concerns regarding exam schedule, a copy of the exam schedule was included with the report card. Changes have had to be made since then and the new Exam Schedule is posted on the web-site.

## **Minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 Meeting**

- Motion to move to approve the minutes by Karen Kingsmill and seconded by Cynthia Dann-Beardsley. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report**

We discussed and agreed financial requests to review as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Approvers</b>
Classics Club Trip	\$600	Motion to move Toby Rosner, seconded by Mary Laszlo
Womens' Physical Education Department for Uniforms for School Teams	\$1500	Motion to move Cynthia Dann-Beardsely, seconded by Leslie Wood
Syner-voice System to cover maintenance contract*	\$736	Motion to move John Stratton, seconded by Karen Kingsmill

\*Note that the cost of a technical person to come on site is at least \$55 per hour so any problem with the system, the maintenance contract quickly pays for itself.

## **Request to Call Other Business, 'New Business' on Council Agenda**

- John Stratton requested that when preparing School Council meeting agendas, the term "new business" be used rather than "other business." Eric and Toby agreed. John Stratton moved his "new business" motion. (wording included in Feb 21st minutes). Seconded by Ashley Waltman. Motion carried. School Council Operating procedures document to be updated.

## **New Software Package**

- John Stratton moved his "software package" motion (original wording included in Feb 21st minutes). He elaborated on his request to purchase QuickBooks software and indicated that he entered recent School Council accounting history as a test, which successfully reconciled with School Council balance as reported by Simon. Ashley Waltman pointed out that the School Board standard is Quicken which is less expensive. John Stratton will look into Quicken as an alternative to understand whether it will provide all desired audit trail utility for less cost and will report back at the next meeting. Yvonne Millman commented that it would be desirable for the Treasurer to be present for the motion. Ashley Waltman suggested that we might want to wait for the Treasurer election for final software decision. It was agreed that the motion would be to approve up to \$500 for peripherals and software necessary to implement. Ashley Waltman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **School Council Operating Procedures**

- Toby Rosner moved a motion to approve School Council Operating Procedures document as drafted by current School Council. Ashley Waltman will add a point that had been omitted, regarding School Council Executive authorization to approve grants up to an agreed-to amount, to address incidents when a meeting

has not been scheduled and a decision is necessary. This reflects a motion carried some years back. Mary Lazlo seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Mission Statement**

This was deferred until a meeting next school year.

### **Next Meeting**

- May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Mary Laszlo and seconded by Toby Rosner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.