

North Toronto Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting: May 30th, 2006

Welcome by Eric Miglin: Co-Chair

Student Council Report Chloe Castonguay (President)

- Student Council elections are complete. For the 06/07 school year, Chloe Castonguay is President and Charlotte Miglin is Senior Vice-President.
- It is a dynamite Student Council and Chloe is confident of great things happening next year!

Thank You Letter

- A thank you letter from the Classics Club was passed around.

Principal's Report (Ashley Waltman)

- **Administration Changes:** Ashley Waltman is retiring and Mike Ferguson is moving to a new position. We will really miss both of them. We are very thankful to Ashley and Mike for the immense contributions to North Toronto and wish them all the best in the future. There are also three curriculum leaders retiring and one classroom teacher.
- **Building:** A number of fans have been delivered to combat the heat.
- **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test:** They have changed the way the test is administered. It used to be that you had to pass both the writing and reading which were held on two different days and now both sections take place on one day. Complete North Toronto results for this year cannot yet be released. We can share that over 65% had 100 on the test and over 92% had 90 or higher on the test.
- **Graduation Formal:** Any events before or after are not associated with the school.
- **Grad Prank:** It is a tradition at NTCI for the grads to do a Grad Prank. It is always a concern that the students will choose to do something stupid. The students have been informed that it is better to involve Ashley Waltman – you won't surprise him but you also won't get into trouble.
- **IT Support:** The college student who worked this year, was excellent. He worked on the Classroom Technology Migration Initiative (CTMI) with Mary Laszlo.
- **Caps:** Last year, there was a contract agreed to, on the last day of June between Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (D12) and the Board, that outlined certain caps on classroom sizes within schools. For example, every class depending on the level of the class, all have a different number associated with them as a cap. A school can only have 10% of sections in the school go over the cap. The effect on our school will be tremendous - what do you do if you have 36 students who want to take a particular English course?
- **New Building:** There was a design team meeting last week to review the schedule. There is a meeting organized by the City, at 7:00 p.m. on June 8th to review the density implications and for general community awareness. In the spring of 2007, the project goes to tender. Construction will begin summer or fall 2007. Move-in will be September 2009 or January 2010. There are regular meetings within the school to seek input and understand needs. There is a pool sub-committee arguing that the old building had a pool and the new building should have one. Unfortunately, there is no funding. The school is looking for a partner with whom to build a pool. If there is a pool, the question is should it be an Olympic size pool or a regular 25m pool.

Vice-Principals' Report (Mike Ferguson)

- **Supply Teacher Coverage:** We reviewed a break-down of the \$2,000 that the Council donated to the school for supply teacher coverage in order for students to go on Field Trips, Sporting Events etc.

- Exams: The last full day of classes is June 12th. June 13th is the Lawn Party. Exams start on June 14th. Exam review is on Monday, June 26th and Results Day is Tuesday, June 27th. A timetable is provided in the package with the report card which is mailed in the first two weeks of July. The Exam Schedule is posted on the web-site.

Minutes of April 18th, 2006 Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report (Simon Berkowitz)

The balance on August 31, 2005 is \$10,013.13. We currently have \$12,982.07 available to spend. We usually plan to have a balance of \$8,000 at the end of the year.

We discussed and agreed financial requests to review as follows:

Item	Amount	Approvers
NTCI Scholarship Award (Grade 9 Top Students Academically). It would be \$200 for each of the next five years.	\$1000	Motion to move Beth Brown, seconded by Karen Kingsmill
Girls' Athletics New Equipment	\$1000	Motion to move Mary Jane Martin, seconded by Beth Brown
New Musical Instruments	\$1500	Motion to move Beth Brown , seconded by Cynthia Dann-Beardsley
Graphing Calculators Repairs and Purchase of New Calculators	\$1000	Motion to move Karen Kingsmill, seconded by Carole Whelan

New Software Package

- John Stratton reviewed a "software package" analysis which he had completed. John researched at three different retail operations and looked at several different accounting software products. John's recommendation is to purchase Quickbooks Pro (at \$149.99). This program contains the required features (including an audit trail etc.). Simon Berkowitz offered the opinion that these software packages are typically used for more complicated situations. It requires a great deal of effort to set up the system and it must be kept up to date. John Stratton further elaborated that Quickbooks allows for forward planning etc. A question was raised regarding what happens when the treasurer changes. A discussion also happened regarding whether we currently have the proper audit trail. It is important to note that the School Board requires a profit and loss statement every year to be submitted to the Board. The Treasurer, Simon Berkowitz, offered anyone to review the records.
- In the fall, we will consider whether a software package should be purchased.
- Simon Berkowitz agreed to provide John Stratton full information so he can review how this would be accounted for with a software package.

New Business

- A question was raised regarding how the review of the marks happens. Mike Ferguson outlined that what happens is that students are given the opportunity to review the actual exams (marks, addition etc.). The next day they receive the final marks.

- We discussed the School Council fee for 06/07. Beth Brown moved that the fee should remain at \$25 and this was seconded by Toby Rosner.
- We reviewed the need to provide advance notice to parents regarding the Council meetings. Ashley Waltman agreed to put the 06/07 dates on the web-site.

Schedule for 06/07 School Year Meetings

- September 12, 2006
- October 17, 2006
- November 21, 2006
- January 23, 2007
- February 20, 2007
- April 17, 2007
- May 29, 2007

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Ashley Waltman and seconded by Mike Ferguson. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.