

# NTCI School Council Meeting Minutes

(Tuesday, April 14, 2009)

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## **Student Council Report** - Bjorn Nordin, President

Past events:

1. The first week of March was Kiwanis music competition.
2. The Spring-fling week was celebrated for changing seasons and warm temperatures two weeks ago.
3. The past Monday was camp day. We served smores and ran summer-orientated games in the Foyer.
4. Wednesday (April 8) was Farm day. We ran a school wide scavenger hunt consisting of toy farm animals, which could be turned in for candy.
5. The Semiformal was on Friday, a success.
6. Last Tuesday, the Charity Week thank-you lunch was hold and a total of \$33,600 was raised for Childhood Cancer Foundation of Canada. Thank all students and staff for the hard work.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- NT will be showcasing our annual play in auditorium on Friday, April 17, 2009.
- From this week, the election of the student council will start. Any students who are interested in student council school council may come to a quick meeting on Friday, April 17, 2009.

## **Financial Report** - Charlotte Ryan, NT School Council Treasurer

As of April 14, 2009, the available fund from the NTCI school council account is \$12,760.

### **Three Requests:**

1. Request for \$600 from Alpine Ski Racing team - OFSAA.  
To offset the cost of the OFSAA ski racing team for the student attendance and transportation. The total cost is \$1500.

Motion was tabled by Svea Einola, and seconded by Lap Fong Wong.

2. Request for \$2000.00 from Joel Gorenkoff.  
To cover the cost for a variety of field trips, programs, and special events as well as the associated supply teachers, for example, holocaust museum, earth hour, etc.

Motion was tabled by Michele Temple and seconded by Teodora Miloradovic, all in favour.

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3. Request for \$250 from Music department for Maytime Melodies programme

Motion was tabled by Teodora Miloradovic and seconded by Yvonne Cowley, all in favour.

### **Principal Report** - Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal

- 1 On April 10, grade 10 students wrote their literary test. The results will be available in the fall.
- 2 This Friday, to address the social and global issues, 85 students will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine.
- 3 Next year, over 300 grade 9 kids will be coming to NT. Collegiates have challenges in staffing in general and end up with large class sizes. 28-32 students per class. In NT, 54 teachers, 2 retire soon, 1 vacancy.
- 4 Over capacity next year, 1010 students (967 capacity), new school (1206)
- 5 There were some schedule changes due to vacancy for guidance teacher (replacement for Michelle de Braux)
- 6 Still don't know if we will have the pool

### **Vice Principal Report** - Kathleen Pyper, NTCI Vice Principal

Some important dates

- 1 April 8, interim report card, not provincial report card, for information only before final exams.
- 2 May 7 & 8, Maytime Melodies concert
- 3 Final exam schedule in June. 30% of final marks are from the last six weeks including summatives, tests, assignments and exams. Students need to plan and work hard.

### **Special Presentation** – New North Toronto C.I. - Joel Gorenkoff, NTCI Principal

#### **New North Toronto C. I.**

17 Broadway Avenue

- The planned move will be in Sept. 2010.
- Ground breaking on Nov. 21, 2007
- 156,000 square feet (172,273 old)
- 4 floors
- Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)
- Use of natural light
- Heat island effect – roof
- Green roof with teaching garden
- Waste management & landfill diversion

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- Heritage features, e.g. arches to be moved to new building; honour boards; heritage room; Red & Grey – NT foundation to raise \$300,000 to support creation of heritage spaces in the new school.
- Completely accessible - barrier free for the disabled
- Triple gym
- 3 music rooms
- Theatre/Auditorium on Broadway Ave.
- Ashley Waltman Library & Reference Center
- 5 Computer labs and 9 science labs (possibility of wireless school)
- Art studios/class
- Security cameras in new school

Information about the status of construction is available in website [www.tridel.com](http://www.tridel.com). According to the plan, the construction is to be finished by April or May 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock.

The next school council meeting is to be scheduled on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with special presentation - "How to motivate your teens", Dr. Colin Sturdy.