

North Toronto Parent Council

May 27th, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Jane Lewis and Michele Temple, Co-Chairs

Student Council Update (President James Bok and Vice-President Yasmin Hariri):

Goals for next year: James – make NT more eco-friendly. Yasmin- raise the most amount of money in Charity Week and also give Junior Students an opportunity for leadership roles.

Fashion Show: Next year for Fashion Show a very interesting concept called ‘Phenomena’ is planned.

Music Council Elections will take place tomorrow, May 28th.

End of Year Assembly: On June 10th there will be a “lawn party” at NT and students will receive their yearbooks.

Leadership Class has been running a program called Summative Solutions every Monday after school and Wednesday at lunch to help junior students with summative strategies. This program is coming to an end but if students have concerns and need help, they can come to Guidance and be linked with a senior student.

If you have questions for the Student Council, please email James at jamesbok92@hotmail.com or yasminhariri@hotmail.com

Principal’s Report (Joel Gorenkoff):

Teacher Retirements: Carole Whelan, Danny Russell, Mary Chivilo – over one century of experience.

Staffing: Our numbers are very large with 304 Grade Nine’s coming to NT next year. We turned away 350 students in the optional attendance process. One new teacher has been hired and another will be hired.

Eco-School: A lot of effort is happening to make NT more environmentally friendly. Recently, the Eco-School team even searched through NT garbage to do a waste-audit and found that only three of the nine bags included real garbage! In the 2010-2011 school year there will be a student Eco-Ambassador who will be looking at NT’s practices at different events etc.

Maytime Melodies: Two performances took place on May 7th/8th and they were really great!

Athletic Banquet: This event will take place on June 2nd.

Prom is this Friday, May 29th with over 250 students planning to attend.

Year Book: It will come out on June 10th at a party outside of the school.

Vice-Principal Mary Laszlo has had surgery and will be away for several weeks. Michael Ferguson will fill in.

Vice-Principal’s Report (Kathleen Pyper):

Summatives and Exams: It is a busy time. Encourage your student to get plenty of rest and get organized!

Grade 9 Math EQAO: June 4th and 5th. Grade Nine’s to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to get settled in to get ready to write. It is worth 10% of their mark.

Exams: June 11th and 12th are exams in the morning and regular classes in the afternoon. Exam period is June 11th to 19th.

Exam Review: June 22nd in the morning. June 23rd is mark review day.

School Opening in September: On September 2nd (Grade 9,10,12) and September 3rd (Grade 11) students will come register, pick up timetables, pay fees and have school photos taken.

Summer School: Once the marks are known, there will be notes and calls home to register for summer school. Please note that they need 35% in order to go to summer school.

Treasurer's Report

Balance: As of April 14th, we have \$9,586.26 to spend.

North Toronto Collegiate Parent Council Funds: 2008 - 2009

		2007- 2008 Year
Balance forward July 31, 2008	\$7,312.23	\$6,924.01
plus:		
Parent's Fees	19,675.00	16,950.00
Interest Income	73.63	209.64
less Bank Charges	137.99	
Total Cash Available	\$26,922.87	\$24,083.65
Less cash spent or committed:		
Athletic Department		530.00
Classics Club	600.00	600.00
Commencement	2,982.22	2,635.63
Dance Work Shop	600.00	0.00
DECA	340.00	0.00
Drama department		400.00
English - Grade 10 Shakespeare	900.00	700.00
Equity (Black History)		350.00
Field Hockey		800.00
Global Education Program	1,500.00	1,000.00
Graduation Awards	1,000.00	0.00
Graffiti	500.00	800.00
Health/Well Being - Mood Disorders		500.00
Library / IT assistance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Media studies	600.00	400.00
Music Dept - Vocal Retreat	750.00	750.00
Leadership Class	100.00	0.00
Leadership Program	500.00	75.00
Parent council ad	250.00	250.00
School Field Trips	2,000.00	4,000.00
ski club	600.00	400.00
Staff appreciation	314.39	470.00
Occassional Teachers	2,800.00	0.00
YMCA - substance abuse		500.00
TOTAL SPENT OR COMMITTED TO DATE	\$17,336.61	\$16,160.63
AVAILABLE FUNDS APR 14, 2009	\$9,586.26	
BANK BALANCES APR 30, 2009		
Cash TD account	3,456.46	1,256.06
Cash investment account at ING	6,129.80	6,056.17
	<u>9,586.26</u>	<u>7,312.23</u>

New Financial Requests

We discussed and agreed to fund financial requests as follows:

Request	Amount	Motion to Move	Seconder
French Department graphic novels for reading	\$600	Alison Girling	Svea Einola
Music Department for music stands to replace ones which are showing wear	\$1300	Yvonne Cowley	Michele Temple
Guidance Department laptop to do presentations for workshops, presentations etc.	\$900	Anne Ferguson	Monica Hartwick

Next Year

- Our first meeting will be in the second week of September. Elections for Council positions will take place at that time.
- We have several special evenings planned next year including an information evening with the extra-curricular clubs, special programs etc. all talking to the Council.

New Business

- It was suggested that we ensure the website is updated with Council meeting dates and ways that parents can get involved.