

NTCI School Council Meeting
October 11, 2005

1. Eric Miglin chaired the meeting and introduced himself and Toby Rosner as the co-chairs of the School Council
2. Student Council VP Brooke DaPrato, on behalf of the Student Council Charity Committee, promoted the Silent Auction that will be part of Charity Week. This year the beneficiary of Charity Week is the Stephen Lewis Foundation. A sign-up sheet was passed for those who want to help with donations or help generally with the event. Brooke also reported on the work of the Student School Council, the new mascot and the upcoming Semi. All students are encouraged to attend.
3. Barb Joly, Curriculum Leader NT Guidance, spoke on “Preparing for Post-Secondary Education”. She distributed three handouts: University and College Applications which outlines the application process; *What is Important to Me*, a worksheet to help students in their selection process; *The Path to Post-Secondary*, a guideline and helpful tips for Grades 9 – 12 to help in planning post-secondary education.
4. Principal Ashley Waltman gave the School Report.
 - He thanked Karen Kingsmill and Marlene Colgrove on all their work to help make the Commencement on Oct. 6 a big success. Of the class of 190, 125 graduates were Ontario Scholars.
 - He reported on various upcoming events at NT which include the LD Association of Ontario speaking to our teachers on Oct 20, a special staff workshop on Oct. 27 on Students at Risk which is being organized by Mr. Nigro, and Red and Grey Day on Oct. 21.
 - Commencement Awards: NTCI is looking for sponsors to fund scholarships (from \$100 to \$1000) in areas including Biology, Chemistry and Classics. Parents with business connections are asked to consider how they might help. Suggestions for funding sources and methods would be welcome.
 - The library has had problems with printing costs and started charging 10 cents per page. The students protested by petition and Mr. Waltman is working with them to come up with an alternative solution.
 - The Building Project: Eric Miglin, Toby Rosner, Carole Whelan and Ashley Waltman are on the committee, as are three students, three teachers, one member of support staff, two members of the school administration, Board staff, architects, alumni and community representatives. The next meeting is Oct. 17. On Oct. 26 the architects will meet with the staff. The lack of a pool in the new school remains a concern for many. Parents and students are looking at this issue. A possible plan would be to build a pool under the field at a later date. Regular use of the pool in the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre is also a possibility being investigated. Cynthia Dann-Beardsley pointed out that the Federal Government plans to launch an elementary pool program “to learn how not to drown” and that a NTCI pool would help meet that mandate for many area schools.

5. Vice Principal Mary Laszlo reported that:
 - Nov. 2 will be “Take our Kids to Work Day” for Grade 9 students.
 - The report cards will be distributed on Nov. 17.
 - Parent Interview Day is Nov. 24.
 - Exam schedule - Math on Dec. 14, English on Dec. 15, then full exam week of Dec. 19 to 23. Study guides are in the Student Agendas.
 - Mary thanked the parents for providing funds for the current purchasing of the Editing Suite – computers, cameras, editing machines.
6. The minutes of September 13 will be approved at the next meeting.
7. Funding Request: \$220. for the Annual Licensing Fee for the NTCI Website: moved by Therese Stukel, seconded by Morag Fitzgerald. Carried.
8. Election of School Council Slate for 2005/2006. Moved by Linda Rosengarten and seconded by Nancy Worthen. Carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: November 22 – a special meeting on Internet Safety.