

North Toronto Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting: February 21st, 2006

Welcome by Eric Miglin: Co-Chair

Concern: There was a concern raised regarding whether we have quorum for this meeting given the number of parents present. Eric Miglin indicated that he believed that we were in compliance, however, we will review the guidelines to be sure this is the case.

Approval: November 22nd, 2006 Minutes were moved to be approved by James Barrass and Beth Brown seconded the motion. January 10th, 2006 Minutes were moved to be approved by James Barrass and Karen Kingsmill seconded the motion.

Financial Report:

Balance forward as of August 31, 2005 was \$10,013.13. Parent fees and net interest income since August 31st, 2005 is \$18,397.44. Cash spent since August 31st is \$11,233.67. Total cash available as of February 15th, 2006 was \$17,176.90.

We discussed and agreed financial requests as follows:

Item	Amount	Approvers
Girl's Hockey Team-Chest Protector	\$200	Motion to approve James Barrass and seconded by Marnie Walker.
Ski Team to OFSSAA \$50 per 11 students participating	\$550	Motion to approve Toby Rosner and seconded by Beth Brown.
Robotics Club	\$500	Motion to approve Marnie Walker and seconded by Abdi Nur.

Principal's Report (Ashley Waltman)

- **CUPE Strike:** There is an impending CUPE Strike. This will affect schools which require an operating engineer to run the plant. North Toronto is one of the schools. Ashley Waltman is instructing teachers to send work home with students and to list homework on the North Toronto web-site.
- **New Building:** Update on official re-zoning and site plan control was submitted to the city. Approval is expected within twelve months. Construction is expected to begin in two years and is expected to be complete by September 2009.
- **Literacy Test** for Grade 10 students will be on March 29th. Students must pass this test in order to earn their high school diploma. There will be no classes that afternoon due to a staff meeting.
- **Girl's Hockey** is doing amazing! The team is currently in second place.
- **Boy's Hockey** won semi-final today.
- **Swim Team:** There are forty five kids going to city finals this Friday.
- **Ski Team:** There are 11 students representing North Toronto at OFSSAA.
- **Optional Attendance:** We had 499 students apply for optional attendance in addition to 91 students expected from in-district. In total, we only have 235 spots for Grade 9. 275 spots are offered assuming some will decline.
- **Mayoral Visit:** The Mayor of Toronto, David Miller is coming on March 10th to speak to Civics classes.
- **Speaker:** Katy Hutchison is coming to speak to students on March 28th. Ms. Hutchison is the widow of a man who tried to intervene into a neighbourhood teenager party and was attacked and killed in the process. She will speak to students and be accompanied by the man who attacked her husband. On March 27th, she will speak at Lawrence Park Collegiate to the Parent Council at 7:00 p.m. North Toronto parents will be invited.

Notice of Motion Regarding New Business: (John Stratton) Any person of the School Council who wishes to put a motion of 'new business' to the council is to put the motion forward to the Council Chair, in writing. All such motions when presented in writing to the Chair, are to be presented by the Chair to the Council at the Council's next scheduled meeting. The Council undertakes to act on all such motions presented to it, in the course of the meeting immediately following the meeting at which the motion is presented.

We will vote on this motion at the next meeting.

Notice of Motion Regarding Software Package for Financial Reporting: (John Stratton) The School Council purchase a licensed copy of a current version of a 'small business' Windows compatible, accounting software package. The School Council to be the registered owner of the software. Implementation of the accounting software is to provide for: a) Password protection of data files, b) Activation of the audit trail capability of the software, and c) Implementation of automatic data backups to a removable media or on-line server. That up-to-date, standard financial statements, i.e. profit & loss statement and balance sheet, be presented at each school Council meeting, for review and approval by the Council.

We will vote on this motion at the next meeting.

Discussion of NT School Council's Operating Procedures: There is an opportunity for the Council to review the Ontario Ministry Guidelines for Councils and the TDSB Guidelines for Councils. A copy of the TDSB Guidelines for review can be found on the web at JANE TO FILL IN . At our next meeting, we will vote on a motion whether we should adhere to the principles and spirit of the Guidelines.

Notice of Motion Regarding the NTCI School Council Operating Procedures: The description of the current operating procedures of NTCI should be approved.

We will vote on this motion at the next meeting.

Ideas for Guest Speakers/Subjects for Future Meetings: Having some students who have graduated and gone on to university to come back and speak to parents. Combine the Council meeting with Options night. Speakers from Anne Johnson Health Station. Study skills tips. A visit from Robotics team to display their model or other student representative to do demonstration of work.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Moved by James Barrass and seconded by Carole Whelan.

Next Meeting

- April 4th, 2006.