

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

Welcome (Eric Miglin: Co-Chair)

Music Parent's Council (Nancy Worthen)

Approximately one third of students at NTCI are involved in music. The Music Parents' Council helps to raise funds for the music program but this is only a very small part of their mandate. The Council helps with events like the Santa Claus Parade, the Markham Santa Claus Parade, music retreats, symphony trips etc. Last year the Council organized a 60th Anniversary dinner. Music happenings at NTCI in the month of November include:

- Music Retreat in School on November 13th
- Marching Band in Toronto Santa Claus Parade and Markham Santa Claus Parade
- Contemporary Showcase Festival hosted at NTCI on November 20th, 21st
- November 28th, Dress Rehearsal for Fall Fair with 300 Grade 8's are invited to come watch
- Fall Fair happens on November 30th.

Principal's Report (Joel Gorenkoff)

- **Remembrance Day Service:** There was a wonderful Remembrance Day service at NTCI which included 12 veterans of the Second World War, all of whom were former NTCI attendees. This service focused on how friends, family signed up together to serve in the war. We have school archives which provide stories about NTCI individuals who signed up and died. Carole Whelan was overseas this summer and took a picture, which was shared at the assembly, of the graves of two NTCI individuals. The assembly was organized by the Grade 12 Canadian History class.
- Thank you to the Music Parents and the Music program that is so valuable at NT. Parents are urged to attend Fall Fare or any Music performance.

Vice-Principal's Report (Ken Do)

- **Report Cards and Interviews:** Reports cards were sent home on November 16th. In that package was a form to sign up for interviews. There are two sections for interviews - on November 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **School Schedule on November 23rd Interview Day:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.
- **November 24th Schedule:** there will be a late schedule with school starting at 10:00 a.m.
- **Thank you to James Barrass:** for putting together the Circular.
- **Christmas Exams:** Exams will run from December 13th until December 22nd

Treasurer's Report (Simon Berkowitz)

North Toronto Collegiate Parent Council Funds: 2006-2007

2005-2006
comparison

Balance fwd August 31, 2006	\$8,533.53	\$10,013.13
plus:		
parent fees	\$19,025.00	\$18,285.00
receipt: synervoice grant	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
net interest income	<u>\$44.58</u>	
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total cash available	<u>\$29,603.11</u>	<u>\$28,553.20</u>
less cash spent:		
commencement	\$1,984.72	\$1,971.67
Teacher appreciation		\$0.00
Parent council ad		\$200.00
School Council Awards (grade 9)		\$1,000.00
math dep't (graphing calculators)	\$2,051.77	\$1,000.00
web site		\$220.00
robotics club		\$500.00
classics club		\$600.00
music dep't (new instruments)		\$1,500.00
girls hockey team		\$200.00
girls athletics		\$1,000.00
IT assistance (\$1755+\$2137)	\$1,755.00	\$3,892.00
school field trips (\$1900+\$1900)		\$3,800.00
student council		\$0.00
NTCI uniforms		\$1,500.00
Student Aid		\$0.00
Synervoice maintenance		\$736.00
School paper, Graffiti	\$693.00	\$500.00
English dep't (mentoring)	\$400.00	\$0.00
ski club		\$550.00
field hockey		<u>\$850.00</u>
TOTAL SPENT TO DATE	<u>\$6,884.49</u>	<u>\$20,019.67</u>
Cash available November 20, 2006	<u>\$22,718.62</u>	<u>\$8,533.53</u>
Cash TD account	\$1,704.88	
Accounts receivable	\$0.00	
Cash investment account at ING	<u>\$6,828.65</u>	
	<u>\$8,533.53</u>	

We discussed and agreed financial requests to review as follows:

Item	Amount	Approvers
Field Hockey Program	\$800	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz , seconded by Nancy Worthen
Classics Club	\$600	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz, seconded by Joanne Pauli
Music Program Vocal Retreat	\$395	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz, seconded by Kathleen Manuel
Computer for Media Studies Course*	\$1914	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz, seconded by Phyllis Cincinatus
Replacement Teachers for School Field Trips	\$2000	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz, seconded by James Barrass
School Newspaper	\$600	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz , seconded by Nancy Worthen

***Note:** The media computers are also used for Year Book.

New Business/Council Discussion:

- **Student Teachers:** A concern was raised regarding student teachers teaching in Grade 12. This concern will be shared with the teachers.
- **Web-Site:** A concern was raised regarding the web-site not being up to date. Joel Gorenkoff will follow-up.
- **Drop Date for courses:** November 24th is the drop date for ‘full-disclosure’.
- **Late Policy:** A concern was raised regarding how long it takes to sign late students into the class.
- **Participation by Grade 9’s:** A concern was raised regarding the difficulty of Grade 9’s to participate in organizing events (e.g. Fashion Show and Leadership Week-End).

Minutes of October 17th, 2006 Meeting

- Motion to move to approve the minutes by Kathleen Manuel and seconded by Karen Kingsmill. Motion carried.

Election

The following parents were elected/acclaimed to serve for the 2006/07 school year:

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A motion to accept the 2006/07 Council as outlined above was moved by Nancy Worthen and seconded by Mary Jane Martin.

Semi-Formal (Joel Gorenkoff)

- Joel Gorenkoff reviewed information regarding the Semi-Formal that took place on November 17th, 2006. There was a serious issue regarding student substance abuse and several ambulances had to be called. Two kids were in critical condition and required hospital intervention. Police were involved because of the serious nature of the student impairment. It was clear that the students had planned to drink. There is a belief that Ecstasy may also have been involved. We do know that alcohol use is very common among our student body. There is an extra concern in the case of students that were supplying to other students. The school is looking into the appropriate consequences and next steps including suspension and counseling. Of interest, it was mostly Grade 10 and 11’s – it is believed that there were no Grade 9’s involved.
- The principal’s email was forwarded by a parent to the Globe and Mail. Joel Gorenkoff was interviewed and an article may appear in the paper.

- A concern was raised regarding whether kids were thoroughly searched and whether staff were appropriately trained in First Aid. Joel Gorenkoff indicated that TDSB Security is very thorough.
- Suggestions were made to: 1)have the police come talk to students regarding this issue or 2)have a health care worker talk about alcohol poisoning in a school-wide event format or 3)have a program where senior students get grounded in education and then come back and talk to other students or 4)teach parents regarding the legal risks they are exposed to when they serve alcohol to their kids or their kids have parties and they are not at home or 5)intervention from the Centre for Addiction and 6)an information night for parents.
- A thank-you was extended from the Parent Council to Joel Gorenkoff and the staff at the dance.

Schedule for 06/07 School Year Meetings

- January 23, 2007
- February 20, 2007
- April 17, 2007
- May 29, 2007

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by James Barrass and seconded by Brenda Holz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.