

North Toronto Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting: January 23rd, 2007

Welcome (Eric Miglin: Co-Chair)

Tridel Representative Regarding New North Toronto Collegiate Building:

- Tridel is very open to parents' input and thoughts.
- There will be a full-size football field and a theatre.
- Construction is anticipated start in September 2008 and it takes 20 to 24 months to build. Construction must happen within 11 months of Tridel selling the first condominium unit.
- There are two condominium buildings planned for the site. One condominium building has 24 floors with 175 units and the other condominium building has 27 floors and 275 units. The units are between 600 and 1900 square feet for the most part.
- The school will be built to accommodate 1200 students.
- There are plans to address safety concerns during construction and Tridel will be open to hear about issues (eg. Noise and dust).
- Concerns about the model of funding a new school via selling part of current land to build condos etc. can be directed to our School Trustee - Josh Matlow.
- There is a North Toronto Collegiate Redevelopment Web Forum at ask@tridel.com

Follow-Ups

- Status of pool?
- Integrity of current school structure during blasting, construction?
- What are the parameters/agreement regarding timing of moving to the new school?

Student Council Report Chloe Castonguay (President)

- Charity Week: Run by students with staff advisors. This year the charity is Sleeping Children (they send bed kits to children all over the world). Every single home forum runs a booth (eg. Shirley Temples and Dance, Dance, Revolution). The Events Committee puts on events every day (e.g Battle of the Sexes, Washroom Survivor, Most Extreme Elimination Challenge, NT Idol, BAA Waxing their legs, Scavenger Hunt etc.).
- Fashion Show: Will take place the first week of March. It is a huge event at the school and the proceeds will be donated to Sleeping Children.

Minutes of November 21st, 2006 Council

- Motion to move to approve the Minutes of the November 21st, 2006 meeting by Toby Rosner and seconded by Karen Kingsmill. Motion carried.

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>\$130.64</u>	
	<u>\$130.64</u>	<u>\$255.07</u>
total cash available	\$29,689.17	\$28,553.20

less cash spent:

commencement	\$2,129.72	\$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	\$600.00
music dep't (new instruments)		\$1,500.00
music dep't (vocal retreat)	\$395.00	\$0.00
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)	\$2,000.00	\$3,800.00
student council		\$0.00
NTCI uniforms		\$1,500.00
Student Aid		\$0.00
Synervoice maintenance	\$0.00	\$736.00
School paper, Graffiti (computer)	\$693.00	\$0.00
School paper, Graffiti (operating)	\$600.00	\$500.00
English dep't (mentoring)	\$400.00	\$0.00
media course - computer	\$1,914.00	\$0.00
ski club		\$550.00
field hockey	\$800.00	\$850.00
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TOTAL SPENT TO DATE	\$13,338.49	\$20,019.67
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Cash available January 22, 2007	\$16,350.68	\$8,533.53
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Cash TD account	\$1,366.39	\$1,704.88
Accounts receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash investment account at ING	\$14,984.29	\$6,828.65
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	\$16,350.68	\$8,533.53
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We discussed and agreed to fund the financial requests as follows:

Item	Amount	Approvers
NTCI's Sears Ontario Drama Production 2007	\$350	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz , seconded by Shelley Fine
Robotics Club	\$500	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz, seconded by Patricia Boeckner and James Barrass
English Department Dramatic Techniques for Romeo & Juliet	\$600	Motion to move by Simon Berkowitz, seconded by Joanne Pauli and Mary-Jane Martin

Principal's Report (Joel Gorenkoff)

- On January 15th NTCI welcomed 750 Grade 8 students and in the evening welcomed their parents. There are many parents very interested in having their children attend this school. A lottery will be held on February 1st.
- Assessment and Evaluation Practices: There will be a Committee put in place, chaired by Vice-Principal, Ken Do, to review assessment and evaluation practices.
- Equity: There will be an Equity Committee put in place to examine equitable practices and equity issues.

- Substance Abuse: There are initiatives being looked at to deal with substance abuse issues.
- Staffing Process: Joel Gorenkoff indicated he is very committed to staffing NTCI with the best staff!
- Exam Averages: A parent raised an issue regarding the marks for Grade 12 Biology and English exams and why the exams do not come home. Joel Gorenkoff reminded everyone that it is important to call the teacher and talk with the teacher regarding specific issues and concerns.
- Student Teachers: A concern was raised again regarding student teachers. This concern will be shared with the teachers.

Vice-Principal's Report (Mary Laszlo)

- Late Slips: A concern was raised regarding the late process. When there is a TTC issue, it is announced to teachers to permit students to enter late. Processing of students does happen quickly unless there is a Vice Principal who is away which means it takes a little longer to process. It was suggested to avoid the whole process the student should be on time!
- Timetabling Process: The timetabling process is beginning.
- Literacy Test: The literacy test will happen at the end of March for Grade 10 students.

Schedule for Remaining 06/07 School Year Meetings

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Toby Rosner and seconded by Patricia Boeckner. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.