

# North Toronto Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting: May 29th, 2007

## Welcome (Toby Rosner: Co-Chair)

### Student Council Report (Lyndsey Gott):

- New Council Goals: The New Council met this week and provided thoughts regarding the one thing they each want to accomplish. The goals of the members' included safe dances, new heights with Charity Week and setting a plan to keep the spirit up during the year.
- John Taylor Award: John was a volunteer hall monitor who was amazing. An award was created in his honour recognizing citizenship, commitment and responsibility and nominations of a student can be submitted by other students, staff, and/or the administration.
- End of Year Assembly: Introduction of the New Council will happen at the Assembly.
- Lawn Party: Will follow the End of Year Assembly and the Student Social Convener is planning lots of fun events.
- Ultimate Frisbee and Boy's Rugby teams are still going strong.
- The Formal will happen at Palais Royale on June 7th and the New Council will attend in order to allow the current Grade 12 members of the Council to enjoy themselves.
- Athletic Banquet is happening on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Principal's Report (Joel Gorenkoff):

- Mood Disorder Awareness Week: This week was a great success and there are plans in place to repeat it next year.
- Maytime Melodies: The 61<sup>st</sup> edition of Maytime Melodies took place on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Main Stage Drama Production – "Home is Where Your Clothes Are" was staged on April 26-27.
- Music Banquet: A successful music banquet took place on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Medals: NTCI students have received medals in Ultimate Frisbee, Swimming, and we have two students going to OFFSA in Track & Field.
- Staffing Changes: Jeannie von Butler is retiring, Sandra Oolup is taking a role with the Board in a central Guidance position and Irfan Toor is promoted to Vice-Principal at Timothy Eaton BTI.
- New Building: Construction will start in July 2007 which is ahead of schedule! Issues concerning access to building, dirt and noise, parking, access to field, loss of classrooms, communication to students, parents, teachers etc. What we know (and this could change at any time): Math wing will come down in July. Two portables will go up to replace this classroom space. Parking on-site will be limited. Tridel is looking for parking elsewhere in the neighbourhood. For fields, we are looking at developing partnerships with other schools and Parks & Rec. A temporary fire plan is being developed. Construction is expected to end July 2009.
- Thank-you: To all of our parents that attend meetings, our executive and a big thank-you to Toby Rosner and Eric Miglin for being absolutely wonderful Council Co-Chairs during the past year.

### Crisis Management Report (Joel Gorenkoff):

#### 1. FIRE

- All staff have assigned duties (e.g. notification of TFS & TDSB, evacuating students, checking washrooms, supervising floors, assisting students with disabilities)
- Classroom teachers ensure students leave through appropriate exit route safely and calmly and secure their room.
- Floor & hallway supervisors (senior, experienced teachers) ensure students and teachers are supported through evacuation and that all areas are cleared as well as report to administration.
- Washrooms & less visible areas are checked

- Exits are cleared to allow TFS access and students are supervised during TFS visit

## 2. LOCKDOWNS / VIOLENT SITUATIONS

- Used when a school cannot be safely evacuated
- In a full lockdown (internal threat) – students are locked in class, lights are kept on and curtains are kept open to allow visibility (police) from outside
- In a full lockdown (external threat) – students are locked in class. Lights are shut off and curtains are closed to prevent visibility from the outside
- Partial lockdown (threat in the community but no imminent danger) – doors are locked but classes continue to do their work

### Procedure:

- “Attention all staff and students. This is a North Toronto emergency. The school is now in lockdown mode”
- Police / TDSB
- Classrooms locked. Exterior doors locked if applicable.
- Attendance done & ensure all students are accounted for (no washrooms or leaving under any circumstances)
- Keep calm and reassure students
- Students outdoors – return to gym or take cover off site
- Stay away from windows and doors
- In some cases advisable to be on floor and under desks
- Remain in class until Principal (coordinating with police) lifts the lockdown
- Practice drills

*Safety in our school is, and will continue to be, a top priority. We understand that parents want their children to have a safe and secure learning environment.*

**Council Position Opportunities** (Toby Rosner): There are many Council members retiring. This is an excellent time to get involved!

### **Vice-Principal’s Report (Ken Do):**

- Exam schedule is posted on the web-site. Last Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, each student received the exam instructions, personalized schedule and exam locations. Students must bring their text-books into the exam in order to write the exam.
- Group Work Evaluation: A hand-out was provided regarding how group work is evaluated and a description of how group work is evaluated was reviewed.

Note: Many concerns regarding group work were raised by parents and discussed and Ken Do and Joel Gorenkoff agreed to follow-up.

### **Minutes of April 17th, 2007 Council:**

- A motion to move to approve the Minutes of the April 17th, 2007 meeting was made by Toby Rosner and seconded by Karen Kingsmill.

### **Treasurer’s Report (Simon Berkowitz)**

<b>North Toronto Collegiate Parent Council Funds: 2006-2007</b>	<b>2005-2006 comparison</b>
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>\$230.56</u>	
	\$230.56	\$255.07
total cash available	<u>\$29,789.09</u>	<u>\$28,553.20</u>
less cash spent:		
commencement	\$2,129.72	\$1,971.67
Teacher appreciation	\$174.18	\$0.00
Parent council ad	\$250.00	\$200.00
School Council Awards (grade 9)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
math dep't (graphing calculators)	\$2,051.77	\$1,000.00
web site	\$0.00	\$220.00
robotics club	\$500.00	\$500.00
classics club	\$600.00	\$600.00
music dep't (new instruments)	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
music dep't (vocal retreat)	\$395.00	\$0.00
girls hockey team	\$0.00	\$200.00
athletics dep't (boys & girls)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
IT assistance (\$1755+\$2137)	\$3,892.00	\$3,892.00
school field trips (\$1900+\$1900)	\$4,000.00	\$3,800.00
Drama department	\$350.00	\$0.00
NTCI uniforms	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
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
English dep't	\$600.00	\$0.00
visual arts dep't	\$200.00	\$0.00
30 hour famine fund raiser	\$550.00	\$0.00
media course - computer	\$1,914.00	\$0.00
ski club	\$550.00	\$550.00
field hockey	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$850.00</u>
TOTAL SPENT TO DATE	<u>\$22,899.67</u>	<u>\$20,019.67</u>
<b>Cash available May 13, 2007</b>	<u><u>\$6,889.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,533.53</u></u>
Cash TD account	\$1,285.21	\$1,704.88
Accounts receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash investment account at ING	<u>\$5,604.21</u>	<u>\$6,828.65</u>
	<u><u>\$6,889.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,533.53</u></u>

We discussed and agreed to fund the financial requests as follows:

Item	Amount	Approvers
Commencement	Up to \$2400	Motion to move by James Barrass, seconded by Cynthia Dann-Beardsley

**New Business:**

- Students in Need: We discussed and supported putting aside \$1000 for a discretionary fund managed by Mr. Gorenkoff to help students in need. The Parent Council will discuss and vote on this in September.

#### **Schedule for 07/08 School Year Meetings**

- First meeting is set for Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Cynthia Dann-Beardsley and seconded by Toby Rosner. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned.