

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute

School Council Meeting – May 30, 2006

Minutes & Business Arising:

- Minutes of the March 28, 2006 meeting were circulated and passed.

Student Council Report: Andrew Watson

- Andrew outlined the extremely successful year including 12 Hour Run which raised \$20,000 for Sketch.
- The FAT (Spring Fair) was enjoyed by all and a *step in the right direction* to have a cost effective way for everyone to enjoy and be included.
- He also indicated that ECI had an extremely successful year in the Track & Field activities.
- The SAC had their annual elections recently and he introduced next year's President, *Rob Duncan*, Charity Convenor, *Maddy Dalzelle* and Vice President, *Adam Springer*. Rob spoke briefly indicating a desire to have an exceptional year.
- The new SAC plus the other various Executives – Music, Athletics, Charity - will attend the first Fall meeting to share their goals for the new school year.

School Council Chair Report: Sandy Brown

- Several articles, letters and reports regarding education were shared and circulated among the attendees.
- A letter from Donna Cansfield - MPP was shared. As part of Volunteer Week she was thanking the School Council for their efforts.
- A Ward Meeting is tentatively set for June although with so much activity in the month of June and it may be postponed until early Fall. Sandy will attend and report back at the first Fall meeting.
- The School Council remaining funds are being allocated and the additional \$500 received have been earmarked for per grade level for distribution in key areas. This will ensure all available 2005/2006 funds are used.
- The "Special Projects Funds" submission has not received a response - Sandy will follow-up.

Teacher Representative Report: Jim O'Reilly

- Jim O'Reilly discussed the challenges of the last weeks of school and the on-going commitment of the teachers to assist the students through the summatives and exams.
- Jim indicated his interest in continuing as the Teacher Representative for next year.

Principal & Vice-Principal Reports: Ron Ellis, Caroline Rath & Sam Iskandar

Ron Ellis

- School schedule/timetabling discussions: Ron confirmed that the next phase included a survey with two classes from each Grade - one each applied and academic. A member of the Committee will make a brief presentation to the students prior to their completing the survey. A broader discussion was held regarding the 5 class – 60 minute model. Parent interest appears to still favour a full year format: 4 or 5 class format to be considered further. A fall parent info session will be held. Suggested that guest speakers attend where possible to share insight into the different models. Emphasized again that nothing is decided as yet and that it has to go through many reviews, surveys and discussion.

Caroline Rath

- Carolyn Rath reported about Staffing and announced that she was pleased that the timetable was completed. Guidance has to work with kids to help sort out any conflicts. The waiting lists are working well.
- A more flexible Credit Recovery program has been implemented to assist students to achieve their Credit without the summer school approach. Specifically Careers and Civics will be addressed. Ms. Durazio will work with the students.
- It was emphasized that ECI will assist all students within ECI or through an alternate programme to find their place in the system.

Sam Iskandar

- Summative and Exam season underway - teachers empathetic about workload and volume.
- Exam timetable distributed. Sam explained that the marks are submitted on June 26 and Guidance calls students June 27/28 to set them up in summer school for those receiving a failing mark not less than 35%. Richview will be the host school this year. Report Cards are ready to be picked up on June 29 – staggered by Grade through the morning.

- Sam Iskandar reported that the EQAO testing was currently running at the school for Grade 9 students and said that Special Education and ESL are granted twice as long for the test.
- The Grade 10 Literacy Test will be held March 29, 2007.

New Business:

- Laurie Green expressed praise for the school on the participatory activities that take place, particularly in the Athletic Department. Wonderful that there are many offerings that are all inclusive. She wanted to commend the coaches, teachers and students for the great year that everyone had at ECI! Parents shared their agreement with the sentiment.
 - It was noted that the March minutes had not been posted yet on the web-site; Sandy and Ron will follow-up. The Parent to Parent Newsletter for February is the only submission to-date following the suggestion in the Winter to add to the web-site...the year end issue will be posted and all issues going forward. The dates of the meetings are included in the Newsletter but consideration will be given to a separate listing on the web-site.
 - The 2006-2007 Schedule will rotate between Tuesdays and Wednesdays to provide more flexibility and promote additional participation. Additional nights will be allocated for special presentations rather than use a scheduled School Council night
- Tuesday, September 26
 - Wednesday, November 1
 - Tuesday, December 5
 - Wednesday, January 31
 - Tuesday, March 27
 - Wednesday, May 30

Have a safe and fun summer!

Next Meeting: scheduled for **September 26th at 7:30 pm** in the Library.