

Council Advisory Team 2010-2011
AGM Summary Report - June 7, 2011

The Council Advisory Team (CAT) was recruited in the Spring of 2010 in order to provide Northlea School Council and Administration with an “advisory” group specifically focussed on academic life, student success, and the spirit of excellence at Northlea.

2010-2011 CAT Members:

Sarah Stevens, Sarah Dawson, Sue Thurow, Lisa Howarth, Britta Martin, Julie Brown, Wilmar Kortleever.

First Meet & Greet of CAT members:

September 16, 2010.

First Order of Business was to name our group, and develop mandate:

The Council Advisory Team (CAT) shall function as an Advisory group available to the School Council, Division Chairs, Teachers, and Admin Team with regard to Northlea’s continuous improvement objectives. Our goal is to actively foster the spirit of excellence at Northlea and the partnership between parents & school by advocating for teachers, parents and admin team with regard to academic life and student success.

First Meeting with Admin Team:

Friday October 8th to identify areas of priority/focus for this team in this Year 1 2010-2011 school year and beyond. How would Admin and Teachers like to best leverage this team? Ms. Ribeiro provided a review of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) under its 4 TDSB pillars: Literacy, Numeracy, Safety, Transitions.

Throughout the school year, CAT provided members of our team for all “Parental Consultation” meetings requested by Admin team.

- a. September Realignment
- b. SIP
- c. School Budget
- d. Projected Enrolment
- e. Staffing Models

CAT members attended the People for Education and TDSB Parent Conference Nov 13-14, 2010.

CAT studied EQAO results in an attempt to follow Ministry and TDSB guidelines to use our “data to improve student achievement”. CAT members were available to Admin Team for consultation and assistance. CAT actively promoted attendance at Nov 30 EQAO mtg via weekly emails Nov 12, 19, 26 to parent community.

Submission of Principal Profile due to Superintendent Johanne Messner November 22.

CAT determined a need to provide Recognition for all the “spirit of excellence” already happening at Northlea.

- a. Introduced “Random Acts of Appreciation” in monthly Northlea News.
- b. Staff Appreciation Week mailbox messages, treats and contest February 13-19th, 2011.
- c. Investigated due dates and criteria for Teacher Award Nominations (Prime Minister’s Award, Premier’s Award, OFT, TDSB, RCM, etc).

We’ve had a tremendous amount of learning during this first year. As a result, CATs has further refined our structure for 2011-2012.

2011-2012 CAT Members:

Sarah Stevens, Sarah Dawson, Sue Thurow, Lisa Howarth, Jeannie Sit, Julie Brown, Wilmar Kortleever.

Jacque Adams, Stephanie Karis, and Michelle Halsey will be available on an “as needed for specific task” basis and will continue to contribute ideas to consider. All CAT members will recruit help from larger school parent community as required for specific projects.

We will have a rotating Chair/Host/Secretary model for 2011-2012, and have assigned CAT “champions” to the following areas:

- 1) EQAO analysis, consultation and communication – Sarah S and Sarah D
- 2) Communication of CAT mandate, available support and soliciting ideas/input (fostering effective communication with Class Parents, Parent community, Division Chairs, Teachers, & Admin) – Sue
- 3) Recognition - Julie
- 4) Teacher Support, including funding proposal writing for classroom resource needs – Lisa & Stephanie
- 5) Liaison + sharing relevant info & “best practices” – Wilmar and/or all CATs based on availability.
- 6) Enrolment/School Model/Staffing – TBD

ALL CATs: Providing members of our team for “Parental Consultation” meetings as requested.

- a. School Budget
- b. SIP
- c. Projected Enrolment
- d. Staffing Model
- e. September Realignment
- f. Principal Profile

ALL CATs: attending all Northlea School Council meetings, Council Executive meetings and monthly CAT meetings.