

December 15, 2010

Happy Holidays to the UTS Community,

In September, I wrote to you announcing Michael Robertson's retirement as UTS Principal and, at the same time, the appointment of a Committee of the Board to work on a Site Redevelopment Proposal to submit to the University of Toronto. At this time, I am pleased to provide an update on our progress with the Site Redevelopment Proposal for our building, some Board news, and an update on our search for the new UTS Principal.

Update on the UTS Site Redevelopment Proposal

The members of the Building Committee (composed of directors David Rounthwaite '65 (Chair) and Donald Schmitt '71, UTS parent Stephen Moranis, David Allan '78, UTS faculty member and local resident Josh Fullan, Michael Robertson and myself), have worked tirelessly to produce a Site Redevelopment Proposal of the highest quality. The Proposal was presented to the University of Toronto on Tuesday December 14th, as per the terms of the UTS-UT Affiliation Agreement. We strongly feel it reflects the pressing need for UTS to remain on its current site in a new home, worthy of its mission and vision and 100 year-old reputation, while meeting the needs of the University for more space on the St. George Campus. Highlights of the Proposal will be posted on the UTS website in January. Simcoe Hall now has three months to consider and respond to the merits of the Proposal. We look forward to a positive outcome and the beginnings of a fruitful negotiation with the University to ensure a permanent home for UTS at 371 Bloor West when our current lease expires in 2021.

Board News

I am delighted to announce that former UTS Board director Gen Ling Chang has returned to the Toronto District School Board and is now serving as Superintendent of Teaching and Learning after a secondment with the Ministry of Education's Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat. Now that she is back in Toronto, Gen Ling has agreed to rejoin the UTS Board of Directors. Her expertise in contemporary educational practice and her deep understanding of UTS are invaluable as we reflect on and refine our educational program as described in the Strategic Plan, Building the Future. Gen Ling has also joined the Principal Search Committee.

Cathy Mallove has reached the end of her first term as a parent Board member and has agreed to accept another term. Cathy's strategic work with the Board has enabled all of us to contribute our skills at the highest level and we are delighted that she will continue to work with us. As Cathy's daughter has now graduated, the Board plans to expand by adding another parent position to its membership. We will be issuing a call for nominations for this position shortly.

Principal Search

The Principal Search Committee (composed of directors Sujit Choudhry '88 (Chair), Andrew Dalglish, Cathy Mallove, Gen Ling Chang and myself) has been working with our search consultant Laverne Smith to gather community input, define our search criteria and seek qualified candidates. Thanks to the many individuals who provided feedback and recommendations via our community survey and interviews. As well, we have had very productive meetings with the Board of Directors, UTS Alumni Association, UTS Parents' Association, student co-captains, and staff. We are confident that we have a good understanding of the qualities we're looking for to

lead UTS going forward and that we will find the right person to continue Michaele's work when she retires in June.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continuing support for UTS, and our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Regards,



Bob Lord '58
Chair, UTS Board of Directors