School Council Meeting- September 28, 2026

Present:

Margaret Sullivan, Principal

Amanda Vollick-Ross, Vice-Principal

Imraan Haq – Teacher Representative

Helia Brew

David Purcell

John Kemp

Charlotte Hermans

Scott St John

Silvester Pushpanothan

Daniel Vorona

Kim Kadour

Clara Boisvert

Tanya Player

Renee Strong

Denise Goens

Syed Abbas

Maria Sol Canevari

Diana Pachon

Sherf Ghali

Pamela Parslow

Tracy Leckie

Rob Reichhardt

Jessica Bugorski

Shudan Liu

Richard Oppon-Bosomah

Alfred Adu-Bobi

Girma Bitsuamlck

Karlyn Dabee

1. **Introductions of members**
   - Please sign in; names will be published in our minutes

2. **Elections**
   - 3 nominations have come forward so far
   - Forms available to anyone who would like to self-nominate
   - Reviewed the 3 biographies that were sent in a head of time
   - No nominations were given from floor
   - Robert is running for Chair or Co-Chair, Mr. St. John running for any position that is needed

- Reviewed what School Council "Is and Isn't" and how parents can be involved
- Clarified the role of the "Member at Large"
- Mandate of school council is to respond to the achievement and well-being of the student body (i.e. budget, course offerings, communication about what is coming up, advocacy for resources)
- We run events such as Career Fair and Fundraising for the school
- Fill the gaps with communication and discuss ways we do this (i.e. school messenger)
- Required to have student representatives

3. **Principal's Report**
   - 2 PD Days before school started
   - Discussions related to how we can support grade 9's and the transition needs
   - Renovation overview from board budget- whiteboards in multiple classrooms, 15 new microscopes, Serger sewing machines, new sinks in music, geography and art, painting the Music rooms, new desks in English and Math, new drum kit, benches in Gym, set of bikes for Forest City Program, 150 laptops/Chromebooks, fume hood in Science, Co-Op office established, Learning Support moved to the back of the Library, Student Parliament moved upstairs
   - Specialist High Skills Major in Health and Wellness- Red Seal Diploma (more information at next meeting)
   - Club Fair at Grade 9 night; 34 clubs and growing!
   - Multiple teams running this Fall
   - School Goals continue from last year:
     - Learn how to ask effective questions to find evidence to support their hypothesis or rationale
     - Ask questions about their own learning
     - Applying questions to arguments
   - Intention and Integrity- choose to do something with Intention and choosing/doing things with Integrity

4. Updates from last year's council
   - Scott St John provided update on Fundraising committee
   - Updating the Auditorium for Central's 150 year celebrations; audio/video
   - Goal: $150,000

- Multiple avenues for raising money
- Committee met online last year; short meetings
- Robert Reichhardt updates on events- Career Fair
- Subcommittee at the next meeting to take on the event

5. Questions to the open to the floor
   - Helia asked for clarification on how priority for courses
   - Margaret explained the course registration process and the timetabling process
   - No specific policy as to how students are filtered into the course
   - Discussion about Ministry funding and students with 30 credits accessing Adult Education
   - Suggestion from parent that the MyBlueprint night that discusses how to plan a pathway
   - Ahmed created a By-law for the Governance of Memberships- would like it added to the agenda for November
   - If you wish to not have your email shared with the large group, please put an "N" with a circle around it on the sign-in sheet
   - Names of the members are listed on minutes

MEETINGS & EVENTS AGREED UPON

November 9, 2026

January – On-Line My Blue Print & Registration (sponsored by council)

February – Career Fair - (sponsored by council)

March 8, 2027

May 10, 2027

6pm - 7pm