

London Central Secondary School – School Council

Meeting Summary

Date: March 30, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Library Learning Commons

Co-Chairs: Robert Reichhardt & Ahmad Mian

1. Welcome and Attendance (6:00–6:05 PM)

Meeting called to order by co-chairs. Introductions completed.

In Attendance – Ahmad Mian (Co-Chair), Scott St. John, Shudan Liu, Owen Lu, Martha Dagnev, David Purcell, Girma Bitsuamlak, Clara Boisvert, Ekram Hossain, Imraan Haq (Teacher), Margaret Sullivan (Principal) Regrets – Robert Reichhardt (Co-Chair)

2. Principal’s Report (6:05–6:25 PM)

Clubs & Student Life

- School currently has over **35 student clubs**, including the **new Origami Club** started by Mr. Kenagy.
- Spring athletics are launching: **soccer, badminton, track**, and others.

Athletics

- Strong winter sports performance, including **multiple OFSAA swimming medals**.
- Planning underway for **Athletics Day**, featuring:
 - Golden Glove baseball game (morning)
 - PowerTuff girls’ flag football (afternoon)
 - Supports Relay for Life fundraising

Music & Arts

- Busy spring season including:
 - **Kiwanis Festival** (post-Easter)
 - **Montreal trip**
 - **Final Gala Concert – May 14**, themed as an *all-movie soundtrack* performance at Centennial Hall.
- Auditorium upgrade: **new lighting installation begins April 10**.

Communication / Newsletter Discussion

Parents requested more frequent updates (even bi-weekly).

Principal noted:

- Gathering info weekly is challenging—it requires ~10 hours for the “Ghost Post”.
- Will explore options such as compiling morning announcements or creating a lighter, more frequent summary.

Upcoming Major Student Events

- **Relay for Life Launch:** April 15
- **Semi-Formal:** April 23
- **Multicultural Assembly:** May 7 (day event and evening show)
- **Relay for Life:** June 3

Academic Programs

- **Grade 11 Indigenous English** begins next year—school is the final one in TVDSB to transition.
- **Co-op Program doubled** from 50 to 100 placements for 26–27.
- Considering adding new SHSM pathways:
 - Arts & Culture
 - Business
 - ICT (Information & Communications Technology)

Facilities Updates

- Heat pump repairs completed.
- Chemistry labs receiving:
 - **New fume hood installation this summer**
 - **New taps**
- Tech room rewired (Room 106)
- Laptops supported with improved wiring.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

- Online booking system generally well-received.
 - Some concerns:
 - Emails landing in junk folders
 - Announcement sent Sunday caused parents to miss early slots
 - Next time, communication will be scheduled for a weekday.
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3. School Council Work & Subcommittees (6:25–6:50 PM)

3.1 Fundraising Subcommittee – “150K for 150th Anniversary”

Presented by **Scott St. John**:

- Vision: Raise **\$150,000** to upgrade the historic auditorium in time for the **150th anniversary in 2028**.
- Multi-year plan:
 - **2025–26**: Proposal approvals
 - **2026–27**: Active fundraising campaign
 - **2027–28**: Installation of upgrades
 - **Fall 2028**: Anniversary celebration
 - 1877 or 1878 – 1878 is the first class at Central
 - CORRECTED time in 1878
- Council **voted unanimously** to approve moving forward.
- Next steps:
 - Imraan will update the staff at the April Staff Meeting
 - Ideally want to hit the ground running in September
 - Await superintendent’s direction
 - Prepare formal submission (Appendix J format)
 - Bring updates at next council meeting
- Subcommittee open to additional parent and student involvement.

3.2 Career Fair Debrief

- Very positive feedback from parents and students.
 - Strong turnout and valued opportunities to speak with school reps and professionals.
 - Suggestions:
 - Expand professional representation (engineers, healthcare, arts, trades, etc.)
 - Consider using additional hallway/classroom space
 - Start planning earlier next year
 - Mix booths by industry areas (STEM, Arts, Business, etc.)
 - ADD to next agenda for planning
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4. Bylaws, Membership & Council Structure

- Discussion around Ontario Regulation 612/00 requirements:
 - Need to ensure bylaws are up to date
 - Need a community representative

- Co-chair (Ahmad) will search for past bylaws; if unavailable, adaptation from provincial template recommended.
 - Possibility of adding a **student representative** to subcommittee discussions.
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5. Other Updates

- Council approved **\$200–300 support** for a Forest City-Parent program session and refreshments.
 - Recognition of volunteers and strong community participation.
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6. Next Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2026 – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Library Learning Commons

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.