

School Council Minutes

September 23, 2025

Present: Margaret Sullivan (Principal), Amanda Vollick-Ross (Vice Principal), Imraan Haq (Staff Advisor), Tanya Brown, Claudia Suqueira, Rebecca Terry, David Purcell, Wei Xiao, Le Shi, Andrew Soddu, Scott St. John, Stephen Gray, Clara Boisvert, Vincent Sharma, Silvester Pushpanathan, Michele Pegg, Maiya Konaunur Cox, Qing Lu, Robert Relichardt, Claire Wong, Helia Brew, Vineet Sharma, Dan Youngblut, Amanda Zhao, Xi Zeng, Tracey Leckie, Humbert Vega, Ahmad Mian, Daisy Zhang, Nikhil Rao, Jian Kang, Richard Oppong, Girma Bitsuamlak, Martha Dagrew, Shareen Zia, Andrew Pruszyński

1. Welcome, Attendance and Introductions

- Request for the meetings to be hybrid for future meetings
- First meeting cannot happen online as we need to complete Elections in person

2. Election

Ahmad Mian- Running for Chair; undisputed

Robert Echhardt – Running for Chair; undisputed

Helia Brew- nominated for Treasurer by council member; undisputed

- Discussion related to positions and responsibilities

3. What School Council Is and Is not

- A place to share information about what is happening in the school
- A consultative body for Central
- Any advice provided to the school principal or school board will be based on the general views of the school community and best interests in the school
- Seek input from parents of their school community
- This is not a forum to discuss individual teachers or students' concern
- Margaret and Amanda are always available for more specific conversations
- Student Parliament provides a report each meeting of the different activities happening around the school
- Principal provides an update on the school programming, PD and school environment

4. Principal's Report

- September 2nd PD involved yearly training (i.e. Epi-Pens, WHIMIS)
- Exams can be used for any form of evaluation in any grade or course (except for Locally Developed courses); up to 15% of the course can be assigned
- Departments are currently in discussions about what final assessments will be done in each department; skills need to be developed to assist students with writing an exam
- Clarity provided around how Culminating tasks are weighted; Ministry requires 70% split given to term work and 30% given to a final culminating set of tasks
- Teachers will communicate how the culminating task will be accomplished by the end of October
- Students need to be aware that the expectations of term work involve daily evaluation
- Council members would like a breakdown of how students will be graded; Margaret discussed online platforms
- Discussed Early Warning Marks, Parent Teacher Night (October 16), Midterm, Late Marks
- Next PD Day will have a focus on AI and Indigenous Education

5. Suggested School Council Meeting Dates/Times

- November 17, 2025
- March 30, 2025
- May 4, 2025
- 6-7pm

6. Parent Feedback

- Assessment and Evaluation
- More information available on the school website; School Messenger is helpful for communication with parents
- School Policy on Cell Phones; would like an email regarding the Code of Conduct
- Parents value more communication and emails; want to know the classroom experience
- Course Outline to go home to parents
- Goal: Continue to pursue the restoration work on the Auditorium, parents want to be advocates for the school and help with creative solutions

Imraan provided a summary of the project to upgrade the auditorium

- Last year LED lights were upgraded
- Moving forward need to look at smaller projects that will require funding
- Hybrid meetings will continue