



Central Toronto Academy School Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday October 24, 2018

1. Attendees:

Iwona Kurman (Principal, CTA)
Tania Serrano (parent of Grade 11 student)
David Wong (parent of Grade 10 student)
Johanna Wong (parent of Grade 10 student)

2. Principal Welcome to School Council (Ms. Kurman)

Meeting started at 6:00 pm

3. Principal's Report

- Filled 3 full time staff positions, approved by TDSB Planning/ Superintendent, from the recalibration of staffing needs from the recently reported increased numbers for CTA this school year. First teacher has started already, second starts on October 25 and the third on November 5.
- The TDSB recommended maximum class sizes are 30 students for the Academic and 26 for the Applied level programs. There are allowances for a 10% variance in the maximum number of students in the classes (e.g. 33 and 29) but CTA has exceeded that allowance in numerous instances this year, which is why the approval was given to hire 3 more Full Time Staff.
- Grade 8 Open House for CTA will be on Thursday November 29, 2018 starting at 6pm. {Council note: there was some discussion during this meeting and Council will again be provided with a few minutes to address the audience.}
- Some CTA students are re-taping the CTA video that showcases the school for the prospective parents, caregivers and students considering CTA as their new academic home. The existing video was taped 2 years ago and the students have expressed an interest in updating it with the new current amenities and programs as well as to have it populated with current students.

- CTA Principal/ Vice-Principal and staff are monitoring the projected number of students scheduled for Semester 2 this year. Any major variances in comparison with Semester 1 actual numbers will be discussed amongst this group and potentially reported to the Superintendent and TDSB Planning for proactive consideration for more staff adjustments.
- October 31 @ 10:30am - CTA will have a Halloween assembly for students
- October 31 prior to 10:30am – CTA will be hosting a session with the Guidance Department representatives from CTA’s feeder schools (i.e. Grade 8 schools that typically send their students to CTA). Then they can also observe our Halloween assembly afterwards, should they have any interest in doing so.
- As the population of supervised students for CTA is approximately 750, School Council should consider communicating to our Superintendent the possibility of adding a 2nd Vice-Principal for CTA to accommodate the activities and co-ordination needed.
- The existing School Statement of Needs (SSON) document for CTA requires evaluation and potential updating by School Council by October 30, 2018. The updated and signed document is to be submitted to our Superintendent for his records. {Council note: Dave and Johanna will update the document and send to all participants within this meeting for review and concurrence.}

4. School Council Discussion (All)

- There is currently an open process requesting public consultation for education that should be communicated to the CTA parents and caregivers – Johanna to contact Mr. Tang (CTA teacher) to insert awareness in the weekly CTA newsletter email.
- Chris Moise has been elected the School Trustee for area that includes CTA. Council will reach out to Chris to invite him for a tour of CTA and to invite him to the CTA Grade 8 Open House on November 29, 2018 – Dave to communicate with Chris. {Council note: subsequent to this Council meeting, Chris has confirmed on October 30 via email that he will attend this event.}
- Council asked whether there is any interest in having a CTA Student Council representative attend the CTA School Council meetings – Ms Kurman to reach out to the Student Council to inquire

5. Next Central Toronto Academy School Council Meeting (All)

The attending participants agreed that the next CTA School Council meeting will be held (at CTA) on Wednesday November 21, 2018.

6. Adjournment (All)

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.