



## **Central Toronto Academy School Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 17, 2018**

### **1. Attendees:**

Iwona Kurman (Principal, CTA)  
Becky McMurray (parent Grade 11)  
George Parkinson (School Council Secretary, parent Grade 9)  
David Wong (School Council Co-Chair, parent Grade 9)  
Allison Conroy (Teacher, CTA)

### **2. Approval of CTA School Council January 17 Agenda (all)**

Meeting started at 6:08 pm

### **3. Approval of November 21 CTA School Council minutes (all)**

- No changes to the drafted minutes

### **4. Principal Report (Ms. Kurman)**

- CTA staffing is in good shape. A French teacher allocation went from 0.5 Full Time Employee (FTE) to 1.0 FTE and 2 staff openings will be filled soon
- Exams will be occurring shortly with Semester 1 ending and Semester 2 due to start on February 1
- Students are in the process of making their course selection for next year. Communication and correspondence (i.e. worksheets) have been provided to them to help them make those selections

### **5. Teachers Report (Ms. Conroy)**

- The course selection worksheets have been distributed to the students to help them make their next year course selections and the list will be going home with them to discuss with their families
- Tentative outlook for the next school year is expecting to
  - discontinue steel pan but will introduce more guitar options
  - grade 12 social science courses added

- grade 9 selection of an Art program instead of the current integrated approach with various Art programs
- racquet focus in Gym (new)
- grade 12 vocal music added
- Students will be able to have 5 days of access to CTA teachers from February 21 to 27 in a computer lab to help them make their course selections
- The deadline for the student selection of next school year's courses is March 2
- Unrelated to the student selection of their next year courses, there will be a teacher leadership team training in February and March for Global Competencies

#### **6. Grade 8 Open House (Ms. Kurman)**

- Well attended as there was approximately 400 attendees
- Was also well attended by CTA teachers who provided their positive feedback afterwards
- There have been many individual requests afterwards for tours of the school for potential students and their families (about 50 requests)

#### **7. December 7 Lookbook event (Ms. Kurman)**

- Event is considered to be a huge success as there was great media coverage
- Organization and co-ordination of all of the various activities was well executed and those involved should be proud
- The event was well attended by the CTA community and lots of CTA merchandise was sold

#### **8. PRO Grant (David Wong)**

- Showing of Screenagers that focuses on the mental health of teenagers and social media is scheduled for February 22
- Mr Gleeson has been contacted and will broadcast news about this showing on the school's outgoing weekly email
- A flyer to advertise this event will be developed and distributed
- CTA's guidance counsellor and our assigned social worker will be in attendance to further discuss the topic or to respond to any other questions

#### **9. School Council Committees (all)**

- Outreach Committee – discussion deferred to next meeting
- Fundraising Committee – discussion deferred to next meeting

#### **10. Ideas, Objectives, Concerns, Issues, and Other Items for School Council (all)**

- Does the CTA community want to develop any award(s) for CTA teachers? Or want to complete teacher award ballots for any CTA teachers this year?
- Basketball and other extra-curricular activities – CTA should develop and implement communication on when the basketball games and other extra-curricular events/ games are scheduled so those interested may attend and cheer on their CTA team

**18. Next School Council Meeting (all)**

- The attending participants agreed that the next CTA School Council meeting will be held (at CTA) on Wednesday March 21, 2018 @ 6pm

**19. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.