



Central Toronto Academy School Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 21, 2018

1. Attendees:

Iwona Kurman (Principal, CTA)
Rebecca Dileo (Teacher, CTA)
David Wong (School Council Co-Chair, parent Grade 9)
Johanna Wong (parent Grade 9)

2. Approval of CTA School Council March 21 Agenda (all)

Meeting started at 6:09 pm

3. Approval of January 17, 2018, CTA School Council minutes (all)

- No changes to the drafted minutes

4. Principal Report (Ms. Kurman)

- Same expected staffing numbers for the next school year (2018/2019)
- CTA is expecting 40 more Grade 9 students (than this school year based on CTA estimates and not the TDSB Planning Department) so we might need to put in a request for 2 more staff if the registrations solidify to that
- If CTA numbers are, as expected, to go beyond the current approximate 620 students, we may need to contact the Superintendent to lobby for another Vice-Principal to accommodate the increase in administration (e.g. Horizon, special programs housed in our basement classrooms, special needs students, expanded programs)
- As part of the Sick Kids/ Youth-dale transition program, 25 students are participating
- April 5 Parent/ Teacher interview night

5. Teachers Report (Ms. Dileo)

- The Physical Education Department (Mr. Ross) received a \$15000 grant for a virtual reality sports room that will be set up in our basement
- Senior and Junior Boys basketball going well
- Girls basketball going well
- More interest this year for Track & Field
- Need to think about re-purposing our outdoor basketball courts into maybe tennis courts as well
- Go It Blitz (coding) is scheduled for this Thursday and Friday by Mr D'Souza
- CTA has received a \$2500 grant for coding initiatives thanks to the efforts of Mr D'Souza
- CTA is trying to start a robotics program and need help with more teachers and parents/ caregivers
- High School Musical is scheduled for the end of May
- Sears Theatre competition – CTA did really well but did not advance beyond the preliminaries
- TDSB "Creates" – students will be involved in a visual arts event at Art Scape Young Place (180 Shaw St) on April 17 between 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- CTA students are designing an eco-friendly tote bag
- TDSB "Creates" – students will be involved in a dance and spoken word exhibition at the Toronto Centre for the Arts (5040 Yonge St) on May 3 at 7:30pm
- New murals are being done in the school
- Graphic students and business SHSM program students will be designing jewellery with professional designers on May 3
- CTA has received a \$7000 grant towards the design and manufacturing of CTA wind breaker jackets with reflective piping for cyclists
- Big push for no disposable water bottles at CTA – students can contact to the office/ Arts Department to purchase a student designed CTA water bottle for \$2 that can be re-filled

6. 2017/ 2018 PRO Grant – Screenagers showing (all)

- Well attended as there was approximately 100 attendees

- Is very informative as to some solutions and strategies on how to manage technology (e.g. cellular phones, tablets) and social media in the home with teenagers

7. 2018/ 2019 PRO Grant (Dave Wong)

- Johanna Wong has volunteered to form and submit CTA's PRO Grant for the next school year
- Potential focus: communication, study skills, time management, executive functioning, art event or presentation

8. School Council Committees (all)

- No discussion needed

9. Ideas, Objectives, Concerns, Issues, and Other Items for School Council (all)

- No discussion

10. Next School Council Meeting (all)

- The attending participants agreed that the next CTA School Council meeting will be held (at CTA) on Wednesday May 16, 2018 @ 6pm {later changed to June 13 at the request of the school}

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.