

## Meeting Agenda

### Meeting Topic / Title

February School Council

### Meeting Co- Chairs

Marian Thompson & Iris Fabbro

### Start Date

February 18<sup>th</sup>,  
2021

### Time

6:00 – 7:00 pm

### Meeting Scribe

Lesley Isaacs

### Meeting Location

Virtual

### Attendees:

Name	Role	Attended
Lisa Edwards	Principal	Yes
Teenat Khan	Vice-Principal	Yes
Iris Fabbro	School Council Co-Chair	Yes
Marion Thompson	School Council Co-Chair	Yes
Rona Mohsini	Student Council Representative	Yes
Lesley Isaacs	School Council Secretary	Yes

### Guests:

Name	Attended
Central Tech Parents	Yes

### Regrets

N/A

### Purpose / Objectives

- Review and discuss items concerning Central Technical School

### Agenda

#	Subject	Allotted Time
1.	Welcome/Introduction	5 mins.
2.	Principal Report	15 mins.
3.	School Council Update	10 mins.
4.	Minutes and Business Arising from Last Minutes	5 mins.
5.	School Council Update	5 mins.
6.	Workshop on Mental Health – Support for Parents	10 mins.
7.	School Messenger	5 mins.
8.	Newsletter	1 min
9.	Facebook Group	1 min
10.	Action Items	1 min
11.	Next Council Meeting	1 min

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Summary

1.	Introduction of School Council and parents in attendance followed with a brief ice breaker to describe the types of activities they were undertaking to support their mental health. Central Tech(CTS) hosts a yoga mental health session on Wednesdays. Details about the class are posted on CTS website and Student Council Instagram page as well as Google Classroom.
2.	<p>Principal Edwards advised that Quad 3 ends on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with Quad 4 starting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, we are still unable to hand out Diplomas to students until Health Canada provides approval for large gatherings.</p> <p>Construction is underway on 3 science labs as part of the Bloor Collegiate transition. Four additional labs will be upgraded in 2022.</p> <p>Students wishing to switch from virtual to in-person must contact their assigned VP (see groupings below) to arrange the transition. Requests to switch from in-person to virtual learning are no longer being accepted.</p> <p>Recognizing that teachers were working from home during the lockdown, a parent raised a concern about artifacts on display in the background. Principal Edwards agreed to discuss with teachers the suggestion of have a generic or black background when conducting a virtual class from their home.</p>
3.	<p>Student council has started publishing their own newsletter on Bright Space to advertise the activities they are sponsoring. This month they are working to ensure success for their Black History month events. They have created a PowerPoint showcasing successful Black alumni highlighting their current successes. A Black student alliance has also been created this year. It is a forum for Black students, to provide them with a safe and supportive place to share ideas and participate in discussion. Meetings will be Wednesdays at noon.</p> <p>Council has planned a number of events to help improve school pride as well as teaching students more about life at and the history of Central Tech. A welcome event to support the integration of Grade 9 students at CTS is being planned for next year with support from Mrs. Robinson. Council is also working on bringing back the school mascot and reintroducing the school song.</p> <p>They have also executed several Spirit Weeks such as SWAG Week where student wore Central Tech colours of blue and white or wore CTS merchandise.</p> <p>The window to order merchandise through School Cash Online closed February 12<sup>th</sup>. However, Rona will investigate if it can be extended and ensure delivery before the end of the year. The next Spirit Week will be in 2 weeks where students will be asked to do things that will brighten the school day and make it more interesting.</p> <p>Student Council also has an Instagram page @cts.council or <a href="https://www.instagram.com/cts.council/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/cts.council/?hl=en</a></p>
4.	Minutes were not circulated prior to the meeting but shared online but should be posted in the CTS School Council Facebook group as well as the CTS website.
5. & 6.	<p>Previous Council meeting it was suggested that we have a presentation that focused on mental health support for parents. Hospital for Sick kids offers 2 sessions 1) Standing up to COVID or 2) Providing Parent Guidance – a Road Map. Ian Brown who normally does workshops in schools for students and educators has recently started one for parents.</p> <p>Iris and Marian have viewed his presentation and think it would be a better fit for our audience over the ones presented by Hospital for Sick Children as his can be tailored to the concerns of the parents. At the suggestion of a parent in attendance Council viewed a 5 min summary on lanspeaks.com to get a better understanding of what he does. It agreed that his presentation style was engaging with real life examples and a nice mix of humour. The proposal is two-fold a) host a virtual school wide session for students at 2pm with a virtual workshop for parents the next day. This will allow students to have a conversation on mental health with their parents. Council proposes to have Ian present on March 25<sup>th</sup>. After confirming with him, the information will be added to Cinervoice and added to the newsletter.</p>
7.	School Council has access to Messenger which enables them to communicate directly with parents instead

	of having to go through the administration. Iris will investigate the requirements to get it launched.
8.	Newsletter is sent monthly by Principal Edwards detailing all of the news, announcements and events that have transpired or are upcoming that month. There is also a link to the CTS website <a href="https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/centraltechnicalschool">https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/centraltechnicalschool</a>
9.	School Council has a Facebook Group that is only for parents of CTS students. Their link is <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ctscouncil/">http://www.facebook.com/groups/ctscouncil/</a>

Action Items				
#	Description / Update	Assigned To	Status	Due Date
1.	Location of posting of previous Council Meeting Minutes.	Principal Edwards		March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
2.	Extend date to order CTS merchandise	Rona		EOM – Feb 28/21
3.	Ian Brown Workshop	Iris/Prin. Edwards		March 25, 2021
4.				

Next Meeting Agenda			
Date	Thursday March 18, 2021	Time	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal Update</li> <li>Student Council Update</li> <li>School Council Update</li> </ul>	Conference #	Zoom link to be provided by Teenat Khan.

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