

Western Technical Commercial School
School Council Meeting Minutes
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Location: Virtual

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Date: April 30, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Attending: Cagney, C Lam, M Lordan, C Teolis, C Heath, J Zakrewski, Mulugeta, N Carr, P Estrada, a Love, D Rogowski, A Dawson, M Holcomb,

Regrets: J Grant; M Koczij

Minutes: S Hurley

Agenda Item	Responsible	Time	Notes
Land Acknowledgement Call to Order and approval of the March 24, 2026 Minutes	M Lordan / F Seto-Lau	5	<i>We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and well as the One Dish One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant.</i> • M Lordan to chair; M Koczij sends regrets • Link to School Council page with last months minutes posted in chat: https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/wtcs/about/school-council • Agenda is noted on the screen, additions to the agenda welcome in chat or via comment - o Agenda Approved via consensus • Minutes approves via consensus - o Any changes or revisions can be sent to exec for revisions to future minutes
Principal's Report / Admin Report	M Koczij / M Lordan	45	• M Lordan delivers Principal's Report • Mid-Term reports went out Monday, April 20.

			- o Roughly 5000 individual grades are distributed at this time. Important for grade 12 – OUAC/OAC (Colleges and Universities) can use a portal to look at midterm grades which are used for admission - o Post mid-term students are monitored for engagement and attendance - o Admin notes that offers CAN be rescinded, and students shouldn't coast • Official exam dates – June 17-23. Admin working on dates. • Exams will be on a day-by-day schedule. Period 1 classes on June 17, etc. • Kids would write in the classrooms; but last year there were issues with heat and where possible exams will be scheduled in air conditioned spaces. • Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment – June 9. 0.5 day testing process. There is a snack and study program underway for preparation. • Camp Manitou – Late September Early October – Grade 9 entry trip. If you have a student who wants to be a COLT counsellor, a senior student from grade 10 or above. Can apply by stopping by office or seeing Ms. Nyguen who leads Leadership SCHJIMS • As weather turns warm, students are reminded that water guns and horseplay have serious consequences under TDSB rules • 5 Total Rounds of staff for 2026-27, process will close in June Questions: Question re: Lockdowns and Communication. Fern Ave had a lockdown earlier this week over the lunchbreak. Parents were informed after lunch only. What is WTCS policy on communicating re: lockdowns? Fern Ave did not seem to have an automated notice system. • M Koczij will address at future meeting. Typically, message goes out through school messenger, and families are alerted when possible. During a real lockdown, the office is not available for communication. Following the incident, a longer message is shared with families
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			• A 'Hold and Secure', when a threat may exist in a community, is not communicated to families • Discussion – lockdown at Runnymede, information sent out was often inaccurate. Using official channels like Toronto Police Service Twitter Feed may be the most immediate accurate information
Student Council Report	C Lam	10	• Semi Formal – April 2 - o approximately 300 attendees, more than last year. Very happy with the results and the new venue. Photos are presented • Washroom Report System - o was launched to the school in last couple of weeks. Students are able to use their phone or screens in hallways to identify which washrooms are open. System seems to be getting high levels of use. Notes that soap is an issue. Students are giving positive feedback • Student Council Elections - o Changes this year versus last year – Staff interview required for some roles, experience is required for some roles, min grade increased for co-president. All forms have been redesigned - o Executive members (President, VPs, Secretary/Treasurer) must pass a staff interview and demonstrate experience - o Appointed roles include Athletic Council, ISP Representative, Robotics, etc. - o Written Application May 8; Campaigning May 19-29, with Election Assembly May 29 - o May 4 – interest meeting, mandatory attendance for those wanting to join Student Council • Fun Fair – May 22

			- o Student involvement with Battle of the Bands and Makers Market. Inflatable games, free ice cream truck for students. More organization in volunteering. Questions: Thinks changes to Council requirements are good. What about transferring students or students who are new to the school? Will accommodations be considered? • Experience only required for top exec positions. Program is designed to help new attendees still participate in some way • New role structure is designed to allow for people to on board and develop with Council How Many Representatives for each grade? For ISP? • For ISP – 1 for ASD, 1 for Gifted • Individual should be in grade 10 or higher
Call for Agenda Items/New Business	F Seto-Lau	1	Questions: • March Break Trip - o Concerns re: cost of trip - o VP did attend a trip to Tokyo over March Break. Next Trip is scheduled for April 2027 and is focussed on the Culinary Arts - o Pricing is always a concern and discussion can be had directly with Admin • Is the fun fair open to the community? Only open to community • Discussion around new rules for 2026-27 for Anthem and Land Acknowledgement

			- o Attendees discuss importance of stopping and listening to Land Acknowledgement, Anthem, and announcements - o Discussion and discourse will continue for those who choose to protest, and students and community will continue to be engaged. Rule anticipated to start at the beginning of September 2026
Close	F Seto-Lau	1	Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28 2026 – Final of the Year

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