

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any changes or revisions can be sent to exec for revisions to future minutes
Presentation about the 2026 course selection process	A Poulos, ACL, Guidance	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduces herself as head of Guidance ● Course selection acknowledged as major source of interest for students and parents ● TDSB begins course selection process in February to accommodate staffing process and ensure resources available come September. Acknowledges challenges of process. ● Course Selection Presentations will go the first week of February ● Western Tech Home page is shared for the group – Course Selection Month Header is there with clickable info ● Guidance Department has TWO websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One is for year-round, OSSD requirements, non-changing information (main guidance website: https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/wtcs/course-selection-month) ○ Course Selection Website – https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/wtcsguidance/home includes videos on how to navigate online process ○ Visual Layout with Course/SHSM info available easily. Information on all available courses is linked online from the Course Selection Website. ○ Multiple presentations per class grade are available online for review. ○ Expectation is that all courses listed will run in September, if enough students choose the course ○ Course application dates are grade-specific ○ Too many classes for Guidance to visit each classroom 1-1 – Classrooms will receive information on Course Selection via webinar (interactive) ○ Graduating students have in-person assembly ● Encourages parent community to provide feedback to make process more user friendly

			<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seeking clarity on listing of compulsory courses per grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All Grade 9/10 students would have received an email to their MyBlueprint account outlining recommended electives etc. to ensure they satisfy SHSM/Program requirements ○ Discussion around variety of courses and specialized courses available at WTCS ● Summer School – sign up early and communicate with Guidance – can sign up for a summer course and email the guidance counsellor immediately if decision to attend summer school changes ● Question re: Robotics SHSM – how can students get guidance to speak to about the various tech courses available? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, contact John Wang who can explain the robotics SHSM and courses available. john.wang@tdsb.on.ca ● Staff and Guidance very encouraging of students exploring different options, but stress communication with Guidance is important to ensure all student needs are met
<p>Principal's Report AND Admin Report</p>	<p>M Koczij / M Lordan</p>	<p>45</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Improvement Plan (SIP) – an annual process to lay out plan for targeting areas within the school for improvement. Document is shared with school council and staff; reviewed for comment. Identifies target areas for the year. ● This year – process has changed due to Board. Last several years process has been discouraging and inconsistent. This year process has been more encouraging and valuable. ● M Koczij shares screen to show School Admin Dashboard and draft of content and new process. SIP monitoring tool is new this year, which aggregates info to

the Board to show where schools are focussing and where they have identified needs.

- o One specific goal entered this year was to make staff and students more aware of mental health supports; this goal was seen and taken on by other schools in the monitoring tool
- o Ex. Strategic Directions: Indigenous Education, Achieve, Thrive, Belong, etc.
- o Admin can update the tool with actions taken under different strategic directions, and this can be seen and reviewed by others across the Board. Process requires monthly engagement with the SIP
- o M Koczij is hopeful that this new portal will be a powerful way for TDSB to aggregate and analyze data and better support schools
- o Admin has responsibility to report out on minimum of achievement Strategic Direction and 1 other monthly; often more is done
- o Will aim to engage School Council on SIP more next year; focus this year is staff
- From Chat: SIP is tied to TDSB's multi-year strategic plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan \(MYSP\) 2024-28](#)

Questions:

- Related to MYSP above – pillars were based on a foundation of equity ... how is equity reflected in the SIPs goals / areas?
 - o M Koczij notes that MYSP was approved by former TDSB Trustees; currently under Provincial Supervisor
 - o SIP does have references to equity principles but does not include a particular focus on equity
 - o Discussion over how lens on equity is changing in current environment at the TDSB; Admin confident this focus has not changed at the school level
 - o The only specific goal that Western TCS gets to write themselves (rather than select from drop-down) is related to Indigenous Education

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How are the 22 Section head positions broken down across the Western Tech faculty? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They are called “Assistant Curriculum Leaders”; this year we kept everything as it was and added 4 new heads. ○ Includes: Social Sciences, Coop and Careers, Culinary Arts SHSM, Design Studio SHSM, English and Contemporary Indigenous Voices, HPE, Mathematics, Numeracy and Financial Literacy, Leadership SHSM, Learning Commons and IT, ELS and Literacy, Robotics, Science – Biology and Chemistry; Physics, Senior Math and Numeracy, Experiential Learning, Spec Ed (4). Student Voice and Belonging, Tech Ed and The Trades, Student Success, etc. ○ Admin speaks to some of the various responsibilities of ACLs – budget, coop opportunities, etc.
Student Council Report	C Stephens	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Council C Stephens is Grade 12, co-president along with C Lam ● Recent focus of Council has been working with the Student Clubs to ensure all their needs are met, prior to moving to fund items beyond necessities ● Planning of the semi-formal – has been previously held at Banquet Halls, etc (approved by TDSB). Council is investigating other venues for formals. Currently considering the Mod Club as a possible venue. Last year tickets were \$45-\$50. Bottomless refreshments, culinary program provides the food. All Grades are welcome and encouraged to attend, but you must be a current student of the school. ● April 18 2026 is the tentative date (April 2, or 10 other options) ● Going into the warmer weather, many plans for continuing student involvement. <p>Question re: Prom – for graduating students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prom is not hosted by Student Council, but the School. Admin is the main liaison. Prom is scheduled for June 10 2026

Call for Agenda Items/Discussion items	F Seto-Lau	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● DECA Proposal from November 2025 Meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New fundraising work is being done with SPC Cards○ Will continue with their own fundraising and will revisit Council request if they dish ● Grade 8s applying to Western Tech shortly – question re: class sizes and ability of Western Tech to handle capacity. How does budget relate to class sizes? Are we experiencing space limitations?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ WTCS has not gone over any class caps○ At 95% capacity room use○ Largest problem is kitchen space for culinary program, which is growing○ Not currently experiencing class size issues○ Additional grade 9 spaces have been assigned for next year, and there remains room to grow○ Tech Education and High Standard of academic achievement at WTCS give the school good influence at Board level ● Question re: Student Nutrition Program at WTCS and plant-based options available for vegan students<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Range of options include vegan and nut-free. M Lordan open to feedback on improving menu. Funding received for the program and work with local, TDSB approved vendors to provide program. Toronto Foundation for Student Success ● Food program is provided at a local level by school itself. Does it vary school by school?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ City now guarantees food programs for schools; has additional funding that is helpful and WTCS has applied ● Western Tech School Council has a new TDSB assigned email: 1414sco1@tdsb.on.ca
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Close	F Seto-Lau	1	Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2026
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