

**Call to order:** 7:00PM

In attendance: Mike Embree, Jaime Burns, Carolyn Brennick-Dentry, Eric Weesjes, Richard Locke, Jolie Locke

Regrets: Paul, James Miller, Jennifer

*Jolie volunteered to do minutes in Jennifer's absence.*

**Updates** (M Embree)

James Miller will no longer be with us due to health reasons. The CECI Parent Council would like to thank him for his hard work and wishes him good health and a speedy recovery.

**Minutes**

Amendments. Two name corrections: "Julie" to "Jolie" and "Jamie" to "Jaime".

*Motion to approve the Minutes as amended by Jaime.* Seconded by Richard. All in favour.

**Members named to the Executive**

Chair - Jaime Burns

Vice Chair - vacant

Secretary - Jennifer

Treasurer - Jolie Inthavong

*All in favour.*

**Principal's Report** (Mike Embree)

**Upcoming Events**

- October 28 - An assembly has been organized by Mr Nicholson and the leadership class. Guest Speaker, Jeff Martin will be attending to speak to the students. A message was sent home about this event.
- October 24 - Super Intendent, Christine Giannacopoulos will be visiting to chat with student leaders, take a closer look at the building, and to visit classrooms.
- October 11 - PA Day, will look at high impact instructional strategies with a focus on annotating, reading, and reading comprehension. Strategies will be adapted to different subjects and grade levels and will develop an AI toolkit. Each Department will demonstrate their strategies. In regards to AI the Staff has received CoPilot training, which is used at CECI.
- October 31 - A reminder that this is the LAST day for Term 1 assignments to be handed in. Midterm marks will follow (November 17-21)

- November 11 - CECI Remembrances will focus on Indigenous and BIPOC contributions. Mr. Gordon has the band playing selections by Indigenous Composers.
- November 17 - OSSLT for Grade 10s, this happens twice.
- November 20 - Colour House Assembly, there is a concern that attendance is dwindling, we are working on ways to incentivize attendance from all and older grades. Suggestions are appreciated.

Hoop it Up - D.E. Fundraiser \$2 buy-in, ornaments are made and decorated in class, funds will aid in the purchase of supplies.

### **Community Event Committee Report** (Jaime Burns)

The event will take place next year. The committee recognizes the recommendations that November is a very busy time of the year for the school as well as in the St Thomas community, and agrees that we will be able to reach more people in the new semester. (January/February)

Target date set at **Wednesday, February 11th, 2026.**

The committee will “nail down” a date to meet in the next month and a suggestion was made about sending a survey out to students to gather their input on the event. All questions must be submitted to M Embree for approval prior. The intent is to get the questions out before Winter Holiday Break. Nicole and Jennifer have contacts that they will be reaching out to to create a vendor experience. Questions were raised about having a guest speaker do a presentation to students, whether we involve the Health Nurse, incorporating the Teen Centre and addressing how to access services for those with no transportation. A reminder from M Embree again to reach out to staff member, Sarah Taylor who was previously the mental health lead for the TVDSB.

Our next meeting is set for Thursday, November 27th, 2025, the next on Thursday, April 16th, 2026 @ 7pm in the CECI Library.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eric. Seconded by Jaime. All in favour.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

### **Action Items**

- Create survey questions for the Community Event and submit (Jaime)
- Scooping ice cream at the upcoming Grade 8 Open House on December 2nd, from 7-9pm
- (anybody and everybody if you are available)