

CCSAI BOARD BRIEF

Full Board Meeting Recap: June 30, 2026

The 2026–27 Action Plan Is Official

Back in May, your board approved a first draft of its Action Plan and sent it out for consultation. That work is done, and the final plan is now approved. Feedback came from CCSAI staff, Centennial College partners, board members, and Indigenous representatives, and it shaped the plan in real ways:

- **Advocacy got sharper.** The plan now commits to advocating on at least three identified student issues, on top of the target of 10 advocacy initiatives.
- **Professional development got broader.** The focus is now on helping you build skills, not just showcase them.
- **The Indigenous Student Union (ISU) has a clearer runway.** The ISU is set to launch by December 2026, with its strategic framework to follow. This change gives indigenization work the time and consultation it deserves.

What's in it for you: This is your board's roadmap for the year, and it now reflects real input from across the Centennial community. A designed, student-friendly version is on its way, so keep an eye out.

New Support for Growing Families on Staff

The board approved Policy 5.01: Pregnancy and Parental Leave. The policy supports CCSAI employees through pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, and the transition into parenthood, and it tops up government EI benefits, which are capped. Legal counsel and HR reviewed it before it reached the board, and directors added an amendment allowing employees on leave to carry over all of their accrued vacation days.

What's in it for you: The people managing the day-to-day affairs of your student association can take the leave they need without financial strain, which means steadier programs, services, and support for students.

Welcome to the Crafting Change Club

Say hello to CCSAI's newest ratified club! The Crafting Change Club is built for students in health and human services programs, including Social Service Worker, Addiction and Mental Health, Developmental Services Worker, and Community Service Worker. Expect self-care activities, peer networking, guest speakers, and honest conversations about burnout, compassion fatigue, and work-life balance in the helping professions.

What's in it for you: A built-in community of students who understand the demands of your program, and a space to recharge alongside them. Interested in joining? Keep an eye on the CCSAI clubs page and our socials for meeting times and upcoming events.

Also at This Meeting

- **Scholarships and bursaries:** CCSAI awarded 219 scholarships and bursaries totalling roughly \$247,000 in 2025–26, and 100% of available scholarships have been awarded for the past two years. For 2026–27, about 216 awards totalling roughly \$242,000 are recommended.
- **Centennial's 60th Anniversary:** The College shared plans for the milestone year, including an alumni night, a board of governors alumni reunion, a memorabilia display in the Fireside Gallery, and a possible CCSAI partnership on a Story Arts Campus event.
- **A big spring for Centennial students:** 14 medals at Skills Ontario, a first-place finish in Ontario for Journalism students for best college newspaper website, a top-three finish for IT students in U of T's transit data challenge, and a first provincial championship in over 30 years for the men's indoor soccer team.

Stay Tuned!

Your CCSAI Board of Directors is here to represent your voice, support your experience, and advocate for the issues that matter most to you. Questions about anything in this brief? Feel free to reach out anytime!