

CCSAI BOARD BRIEF

Full Board Meeting Recap: September 28, 2026

Hey Centennial! Your Board of Directors met on September 28 for a full board meeting, and there was lots to cover: a new workplace policy, a note-taking pilot for students with disabilities, two new clubs, and a name for the Indigenous Student Union. Here's the recap:

A Safer, More Respectful Workplace

The board approved an updated Policy 2.11: Respect in the Workplace. The policy was significantly revised in consultation with HR and CCSAI's Governance Associate, and it now spells out clear expectations for relationships at work. Relationships between staff, and between staff and students, aren't permitted without going through HR, using a formal disclosure form.

What's in it for you: Clear, enforceable boundaries that help keep CCSAI a professional and safe place for every student and staff member.

Note-Taking Support for Students with Disabilities

The board gave final approval to a one-year pilot of Genio, an inclusive note-taking and learning support tool. The proposal came from the College's Centre for Accessible Learning and Counselling Services (CALCS) and was first approved by the Transforming the Future (TTF) Committee.

- \$5,800 in TTF funding covers the one-year pilot.
- 40 licences will go to students with disabilities who need note-taking support.

What's in it for you: Better access to lecture content and study tools for students who need them, funded through TTF.

Two New Clubs Join the Lineup

The board ratified two new program-based clubs, both focused on building community in demanding health programs:

- **CCSAI Rx and Co. Club:** A club for Pharmacy Technician students, offering graduate and student mixers, industry presentations, mentorship sessions, study groups, and social events like game nights, karaoke, and movie nights. Down the road, the club hopes to connect with other allied health programs.
- **CCSAI Resilient Responders Club:** A peer support and social club for students in the Paramedic program, with movie nights, potlucks, hikes, skating, aquafit, climbing, and more. All Paramedic students are welcome.

What's in it for you: More ways to find your people, build your network, and take a break with classmates who share your interests.

The ISU Has a Name: Gwiidanokiindimin

The Indigenous Student Union (ISU) now has its name and logo. Gwiidanokiindimin means "We Work Together." Here's where things stand:

- **Launch:** A launch event is being planned for November, with speaker and vendor outreach underway.
- **Space:** The former alumni space across from the main office is set to become an ISU hub, pending final approvals. CCSAI is exploring building reserves and TTF to fund the renovation.

What's in it for you: A dedicated, named home for Indigenous students, built on the by-law approved this summer and nearly ready to open its doors.

Keeping a Close Eye on Your Money

After last year's deficit, the board is watching finances closely:

- **Budget:** The updated 2026–27 budget currently projects a small surplus of about \$9,000. As a not-for-profit, CCSAI aims to break even, and a deficit is still possible, so the Treasurer is building a financial sustainability strategy. Going forward, the Treasurer will deliver financial updates at board meetings.
- **New expense system:** CCSAI has signed on with Procurify, an online purchasing and expense tracking system. Receipts can be submitted by photo, and approvals happen in the system, which directly addresses past audit concerns about miscategorized spending. The board also asked about extending access to club executives to make invoicing easier, and that's being explored.

What's in it for you: More transparency and tighter tracking of how your student fees are spent.

Speaking Up for Students

Advocacy kept moving through the start of the semester:

- **Municipal Town Hall:** CCSAI hosted its Municipal Town Hall on October 6 at the Event Centre. Six city council candidates came out to meet students, and five took part in the panel discussion, giving students a direct line to the people asking for their vote.
- **Side Note:** The Side Note advocacy and research initiative drew 4,902 views in September, following 5,600 in August.
- **At the table:** Exec Team members took part in a meeting with MPP David Smith, attended a mayoral debate and an AI Government Relations Summit, and connected with transit advocacy group Riders. They're also taking part in a college-level policies and procedures committee that's developing two new policies on Data Management and AI.

- **Policy papers:** Eight policy papers are underway through CCSAI's Advocacy and Research department.

What's in it for you: Your priorities, from transit to AI, are being put in front of the people who make decisions at every level of government.

Also at This Meeting

- **New committee members.** The board appointed 14 students to its committees: eight to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Accessibility (EDIA), three to Finance, one to Governance, and two to Transforming the Future. Welcome aboard!
- **Fall Orientation.** Board and executive members were at orientations at Progress, Ashtonbee, and Downsview. One thing Ashtonbee students told us: they want more student-led activities and better campus décor. CCSAI also released two student videos, Centennial Update and Welcome to Centennial.
- **A campus facilities working group.** CCSAI and College facilities leadership have been working on starting a working group to fix campus facility issues early, based on student feedback, before they turn into formal complaints.
- **Governance on track.** A twelve-month governance work plan is now underway. Work also continued on a new AI Policy (2.38) and the Transforming the Future Fund Policy. A Club Executive Committee is set to launch this fall, and midyear board evaluations are planned for November.
- **In the works.** CCSAI is in talks to install a Centennial LED scoreboard at the Athletic & Wellness Centre (AWC), which could bring in ad revenue. A virtual public speaking workshop and a Health and Wellness Fair are being planned with the College.
- **From the College.** Centennial secured provincial funding for about 989 new seats over two years, with 506 in Year 1 across STEM, health, skilled trades, education, and other programs. Ten Centennial students also won Schulich Builder Scholarships worth \$20,000 to \$40,000 each in skilled trades programs, one of the most competitive awards in the country. And don't forget the Library Makerspace, where you can use podcasting, VR, 3D design and printing, and blogging tools for class or your own projects.
- **Truth and Reconciliation.** The College marked the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 with the 8th Annual Orange Shirt Day Symposium and Indigenous-focused activities across campuses.

Stay Tuned!

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