

Meeting Date: Sept 29, 2014 (first meeting of 2014-2015 school year)

Start Time: 7:00 pm

End Time: 8:44 pm

Next Meeting: Oct 28

	Name	Position	Returning Member	New Member
Attendees	Catherine Arnold	Principal	x	
	Dane Prince	Vice-Principal		x
	Bobby Panchu	Co-Chair	x	
	Adam Asimi (and Ajnur Asimi)	Co-Chair	x	
	Elsa Chan	Secretary	x	
	Pranab Mitra	Member	x	
	Bina Kadakia	Member	x	
	Taranpreet Sandhu	Member	x	
	Jaspal Deol (and Surinder Deol)	Member	x	
	Nappinder Dogra	Member	x	
	Kulvinder Rai	Member	x	
	Niroshi Moonemalle	Member	x	
	Anjula Sukumar	Member	x	
	Nathan Thinagarippillai	Member		x
	Jeyaruban Jeyalingam	Member		x
Ifhat Rahman	Member		x	

Opening Remarks (Bobby and Pranab)

- Welcome to all new parents and Dane Prince new Vice Principal, welcome back to all returning members, all present introduced themselves, Pizza volunteers present were recognized for their great work in the past year
- Reviewed meeting agenda
- Reviewed Council norms

School Admin update (Catherine)

- No need to re-organize classes this year, which normally takes place by end of Sept, mainly due to split class flexibility
- New office staff
- 440 students enrolled (498 last year)
- Cross country running, Tina Smith prime
- Very involved in Markham Fair
 - Boxwood placed 5th overall
 - First prize for the "healthy" scarecrow submission
- Training students again in restorative questions and practices which supports positive climates for learning, teaching equality, communication and problem solving, especially on the playground
 - Inquiry based learning for all
 - One day in June last school year filmed
 - "Be the change" theme
 - Video will be shared once available
- Student council supported Sleeping Children Around the World through creating and selling rainbow loom bracelets
 - Students who benefitted reside in three villages of Tanzania, photo of these children were circulated
 - Lead by Libby St. Jean

- Milk program and pizza lunches all started, Breakfast club back, Gr 7 Lake St George trip is booked
- Cookie Dough fundraiser – Council will prime again, volunteers are needed
 - Kick off on Oct 9
 - Orders due Oct 24
 - Nov 18 pick-up/distribution
- With new admin staff in office this year we can create a parent distribution list this year and start sending out parent communications electronically including monthly newsletters

Council Synopsis 2013-2014

- Pranab gave a brief recount of last year's activities, Pizza lunch was already underway for this year
- Main issues discussed EQAO and lifting school results, Technology and education, fundraising

New School Year

- 14 parent attendees (of 16) have expressed interest in being members
 - Quorum is 8
- 4 Executive roles this year will be (change from last year of 8 roles):
 - Co-Chair (2 positions)
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- Community Liaison will be a new role this year
- Treasurer and Secretary roles will have deputies when needed (Treasurer and Secretary to appoint)
- Based on ballots, the following Chairs have been elected: Adam and Bobby
- Secretary: Elsa, with deputy Niroshi and Nappinder
- Treasurer: Bina
- Committees this year:
 - Fundraising (Jaspal, Taranpreet, Bina, Jeyaruban)
 - Technology (Nappinder, Kulvinder)
 - Academics (Pranab, Niroshi, Anjula)
 - Community Liaison (Jaspal, Elsa, Niroshi)
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule – 1x monthly, Tuesdays
 - Oct 28 (with new Student Council)
 - Nov 18
 - Dec 9
 - Jan 20
 - Feb 10
 - Mar 31
 - Apr 28
 - May 26
 - June 9 (tentative)