

BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL MARKHAM
School Council
Minutes

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

1	Welcome and Introductions	Rose Li	6:30 – 6:40
2	School Council Elections		6:40 – 7:00
3	Student Council Update	Wali Ahmed Saad Shaikh	7:00 – 7:15
4	Guidance Update	Laurel Dodham	7:15 – 7:30
5	Principal and VP Update	Rose Li	7:30 – 7:45
6	PRO Grant College Visit Planning	School Council Chair	7:45 – 8:00

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm – 32 parents present

Begin with introductions (Rose LI, Elizabeth Sloan, Laurel Dodham, Wali Ahmed Saad Shaikh

Elections:

Review positions available and roles on School Council (all executive positions needed)

Treasurer – Surender Beddi

Secretary - no nominees / volunteers

Chair / Co-chairs – Sapna Uppal / Ranu Punni

6:55: Student Council Report

They plan larger events – Boss, Carnival, Winter Assembly

Important for students to be involved in all aspects of school – build a community – many opportunities to join councils, clubs

Councils – more structured and organized, application process

Clubs - more informal, can join at any time, students can make a club to fir their interests

Focus more on inclusivity – want people to stay for events, club fair – see what the clubs / councils are doing, sign up for clubs,

Suggestion – gather list of clubs to share with students, **Answer** this is why Bossilicious is important so kids can see what is available – also check the bulletin board next week

All events are supported with student activity fee – this is why it is important that everyone pays their activity fee – Coming soon Outdoor Movie Night, Grade 9 Day, Camp Robin Hood, Bossilicious, Semi Formal

Balanced lifestyle is important – academics plus school involvement

Guidance: Laurel Dodham

4 counsellors

Students come and sign up for appointments in guidance

Everyone now placed in semester one classes

Education planning, special events (grade 12 assembly – applying to college and university)

Awards Breakfast

Want kids to become independent learners and thinkers

Parent Meeting in the evening in a couple of weeks on post secondary planning

Social emotional support – having a bad day can talk to a counsellor, decompression, quiet space

Links to professional. outside resources as needed

Parents can call, email or have child book a double appointment if coming in

If have any questions, call Mrs. Marr to see who to talk to

Create your own pathway – many different options, kids need to figure what they are good at and what they like to do – not what I am going to become but who I am going to come

Principal's Report: Rose Li

113 students over projection

Done our best to accommodate students – everyone in classes

Most students who have moved into the area

Continue to hire

Student Activity Fee – supports many events at BOSS

Through surveys and student voice town hall meetings students indicate what they would like to see to make BOSS better – ie white board tables, mirrors

Dress Code changes:

Make it more equitable for females and cultural clothing elements

Equity- created posters to Speak Up strategies

-came from student voice to help students to deal with situations

-empower students to speak up

-community partner groups to support staff in understanding various backgrounds, culture

-Islamophobia presentation at the PA day

-challenge stereotypes and equip teachers for teachable moments

PRO grant – 3 parents volunteered to help organized

L. Dodham also offered to have presentation on degrees at college

Meeting ended 7:45 pm