BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL MARKHAM School Council AGENDA

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

1	Welcome and	Eric Ball	6:30 – 6:45		
	Introductions	Rose Li			
	Meeting called to order at 6:37				
	Approval of the minutes – Eric, Shirveeni,				
	Went around the table for introductions				
2	Subject Presentations:				
	Science	K. Odlum/Andersen	6:45 – 7:15		
	Tech	G. Niles			
	Computer Studies	Nicholas Fernandes			
	Nicolas Fernandes – Computer Studies				
	- Create opportunities for students to get involved in this growing field				
	- Become creators not just users – 21st century skills				
	- Project based				
	- Overview of courses – grade 10 to 12 ICS. Most students enter at				
	grade 11. Grade 12 more in depth to prepare for university - Use variety of languages, create games, apps				
	- Cross-curricular projects in grade 12 i.e. paired with grade 9				
	Geography analysing climate data, with grade 11 Geo for travel				
	planning app, Grade 12 French to provide lessons for Grade 9 French				
	 Computer club – around 30 students – ECOO, Hour of Code Makerspace in the library December 4 to 10 				
	- Breezecode – get more females involved in computer science				
	- New Course – ICS2O8 – all female introductory course				
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	George Niles – 8 different technologies available at BOSS – Communications Tech, Hospitality, Auto, Cosmetology, Construction				
	Predicting a shortage of people in the skilled trades				
	Minisitry has put 400 million into this – SHSM, apprenticeships				
	Many good job opportunities in the skilled trades				
3	Principal Update	Rose Li	7:15 – 7:30		
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4	Guidance Update	Ms. Dodham	7:30 - 7:45		
	Busy time in Guidance – Take Our Kids to Work, Bring Your Grade 8 to High School Day Next week in Grade 8 Open House – November 30 Grade 12s working towards next year goals – making sure they are set to graduate. Who are they becoming? GTA Day – many colleges and universities have visited BOSS Went to college level courses to assist with college applications Degree programs offered at colleges – 147 parents attended PIN numbers for university applications are out Tutorials on Guidance website for application assistance – check einfo as well Course selection beginning soon Questions Big Deadlines: College – beginning of February, competitive programs apply by end of November University – January 17 Both applications now link directly to OSAP – do it when you apply to avoid having to fill it all in again Students should check early if supplemental application is required – portfolios – check deadlines				
5	School Council Update	Eric Ball	7:45 – 8:00		
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