

Central Park P.S.  
Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 3 2017

Attendees: Principal: David Valentim

Vice-Principal: Christina DiStefano

Charline Ramgotra    Aya Anderson  
Jenny Zheng         Simon Leung

Pat Patel         Yee Lee Hung  
Dave Vickers    Diane Lai

Agenda Items:

1. Opening / Welcome / Introductions / Meeting Norms - David Valentim

- Start on time 6:30pm
- End on time 8:00pm

2. Administrative and teacher update

- Teachers are invited to council meetings
- Advertised for a crossing guard - position is filled by Charlotte?
- Mrs Palmer and Art of students displayed at the Markham Fair
- Cross Country Meet the grade 7 boys won a medal
- Student Parliament is up and running
- Family STEM Night
- Parent engagement nights - place to hear what you have to say

3. School Council Elections: Chair Secretary Treasurer

- Co-Chairs - Charline Ramgotra & Dave Vickers
- Treasurer - Aya Anderson
- Secretary - Diane Lai
- +12 voting members 1 vote per family
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4. Review and approvals: Minutes – June, 2017 ? Financials – June 2017

- Diane tabled the motion to approve minutes
- Charline second
- Minute approval passed

5. Looking forward 2017-2018: Council roles and structure:

- Council as an advisory role
- Collaborative process between School Council and administration - final decision rests with school administration

Treasurer's report Aya

- Transferred sub accounts into student council general for zero start in new year

- New monies have come in for pizza and sub

#### Council Lead and School Champion – Portfolio planning

- Looking for parent engagement help with the following portfolios
- Action item to link with the following teachers who head the portfolios below
- 3 pillars

Mental Health-Wellness - Patricia Stead

Modern Learning - Kelvin Lee

Math - Stephanie Fifield

Technology - Jennifer Pescador

Plan alignment with School Improvement Plan Objectives Interfacing with other student councils / teams, Constitution Committee

#### 6. Other business

##### Food Services

- Special thanks to Pat Patel for the orchestration of the food programs including pizzas, subs and hot delivery.
- Pat has organized support for the pizza days as she goes on maternity leave
- Milk program has started and going well so far
- Kids kitchen will deliver on Tuesday only - hot meal - going well

##### Investment in Education

- Ask Tamsin to set-up investment in education options online
- Use past year's list
- Parent council will close the loop on donations and advise parents where the monies have been spent
- Mr. Valentim to find out the matching amount that we will maximize for this year.

##### Outdoor Classroom

- David Valentim in collaboration with School Council- feeling the outside classroom should be usable and accessible to all students just not a classroom. Outdoor classroom on pause for further discussions regarding outdoor enhancements
- Prefer to focus on overall outdoor enhancements
- Painting of the playground by Az company - lifetime guarantee - working with other schools to attempt a volume buy
- John McCrae Public School is an example of the company shared by Christina Di Stefano
- More to come

##### School yard Pathway safety

- Still no ownership of the pathways between YRDSB and the City of Markham
- Action: Recommend the parent council continue to write letters to Trustee Billy Pang & Councilman Don Hamilton
- Continue to apply pressure for them to do something

#### Spook-a-thon

- Action: Char will draft a letter asking for teacher participation
  - Collection of the monies
  - Donation of the prizes
  - Ask Mr. Bilton to DJ