

Minutes October 19th 2022

In attendance: Jothy Maruthapillai, Pavithra Pandian, Dhanashree Ghodke, HongLing Cao, Chloe Zheng, Karina Shi, Rajwant Kaur

Staff: Ethan Andersen, Rashma Beharry, Kevin Merkley

Land Acknowledgement

Agenda

Welcome

Welcome and updates from School Council Co-Chairs

Review of School Activities (School Administration)

The importance of School Council (Roles and Responsibilities)

Our school council

Upcoming meeting dates

Welcome from School Administrators and School Council Co-chairs

Every parent in attendance introduced themselves and their connection to the school sharing the names of their child and the grade they were in. School Administration welcomed everyone.

Jothy, our Co-Chair from the 2021-22 school year, provided some feedback about parents needing assistance with ordering pizza through SchoolCashOnline as well as with registering for EDSBY for Parent/Teacher interviews. Mr. Andersen asked about the best time to have parents in to have information sessions, and asked about whether videos would help as well.

Review of School Activities

School administrators shared two books which are identity affirming texts (You Have A Voice, and Our Skin) which was provided to every staff member. This reflects our commitment to putting student identity at the center of our work.

School Staff highlighted Kilometer Club, teams and clubs that have started, Orange Shirt Day and Terry Fox, and the energy that was in the building for Curriculum Night.

Upcoming dates were highlighted:

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| October 25th | Photo Day |
| November 1-8th | Parents can book Parent/Teacher Interview in EDSBY |
| November 10th | School Council Fall Forums |
| November 9th | Scheduler closes at 8:30 a.m. |
| November 21st | Reports sent out electronically this week |

November 17th Parent/Teacher Conference
November 18th Parent/Teacher Conference

The Ellen Fairclough Twitter handle (@faircloughps) and our YouTube Channel were highlighted as spaces where families can learn more about what is taking place at our school on an ongoing basis.

The importance of School Council (Roles and Responsibilities)

Each of the positions was spoken to and questions answered for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We spoke about the requirements for parents.

Our school council

We did have the following parents put their names forward for roles:

Pavithra Pandian and Dhanashree Ghodke will be our Co-Chairs

Jothy Maruthapillai will be our Treasurer

The Secretary role will be shared with School Council members and school staff.

We shared with parents that we would be visiting the Markham Islamic Centre on Thursday October 27th from 3:00 to 4:00 at Denison and Middlefield to honour Islamic Heritage Month, on Denison and Middlefield. We will have staff, student leaders and community members join us to visit the mosque, learn about how the mosque supports our community, and ask questions.

Upcoming meeting dates

November 30th 6:30 to 7:30pm

February 15th 6:30 to 7:30pm

April 26th 6:30 to 7:30pm