| Council <br> Members <br> Present: | Tricia Ali, <br> Niresha Rameswaran, Gajalini Ramachandran, Kamla Girdharry, Giulia Perri-Tsingis, Cheryl Law, Saumea Thayalan, Cynthia Fung, Simone Reali, <br> Tatiana Magno, Kelly Taiabjee, Janie Lin. |
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| Council |  |
| Members | Ellia Davis |
| Absent: | Jennifer Cowley, Sylvia Vocino, Rosan Chung, Initha Subramaniam |
| Other | Members |


| Agenda Item | Decisions/Action Taken |
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| Introduction Land <br> Acknowledgement <br> African Ancestor <br> Acknowledgement | Welcome - Tricia Ali Land Acknowledgement and African Ancestor Acknowledgement by Jennifer Cowley |
| Administrative Update | Extra Curricular Activities <br> - Cup stacking - Gr. 1-8 <br> - Junior Basketball Gr. 4-6 <br> - Tournaments for both Junior boys and girls held in the past couple of weeks. <br> - Tai Chi Gr. 3 \& 4 <br> - Intermediate students Badminton <br> Math <br> - Math Jam K - 4 <br> Community Engagement: <br> - Raising Confident and Resilient Children - Jan 25 by Inna Sepia YRDSB Social Worker was virtual. <br> - Children and Gaming - Feb 22, Hannah Xu. Hong Fook Agency. Virtual 6:00 pm start time <br> Student Government facilitated <br> - Winter assembly for Students Virtual <br> - Art Club Gr. 2-5 <br> - Origami Club 2-3 |

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- Book Club Grade 3
- Fitness Club Grade 4
- Candy Grams
- Movie Night for grade }
- Dance - All school event
- Tamil Heritage Month Assembly - in person assembly for students. K-4 and 5-8
- Author visit - Ms.Saumea Thayalan for Grades K to 2 for Thai Pongal and Tamil Heritage Month
- Snow Shoes for the Week of Jan 30 to Feb 3
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## Black Excellence Program

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- BEP conference for self identified Black Students going to Ashton Meadows PS Feb 28 - Juniors
- Black History Month Assembly
- Saidat 20 Days of Black History Lessons
Music
- Intermediates - field trip to Markham Theatre
- Junior trip is upcoming (Markham Theatre)
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Grade 8

- Skilled Trades Ontario Presentation
- MDHS Guidance visit
- MDHS Music teacher visit

Active School Travel Safety Campaign Week

- Pilot Initiative
- Feather signs - Walk and bus to school
- Sandwich Boards- Not displayed due to inclement weather


## Report Cards

- Will be sent home the week of Feb. 20

Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024 school year as has begun
French Immersion Registration for SK students going into Grade 1 September 2023 for Ressor Park PS and Fred Varley PS.closed February 6, 2023

## Every Student Counts Survey

- Students invited to participate in the Spring. Last survey was administered Spring 2018
- Information from these surveys will help to ensure our schools provide safe, inclusive and respectful environments that support student achievement and well-being.
- Survey results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support

|  | students and their families <br> - Right now, the Board is seeking feedback on draft surveys <br> East School Council Forum - Thurs. Feb. 16 @ MDHS 5:00pm - 8:30pm <br> - Looking for council members to attend. We can take 4 people including P, VP, Chair and one other member <br> - Dinner is provided <br> - Agenda includes an overview of the Mental Health Strategy and rotation of workshops (The ABCs of Mental Health at Home, Destreaming, Community Service Providers, and Family Engagement) and Trustee Meet and Greet <br> - Please indicate if you're interested <br> PRO Grant <br> - Funding from the Ministry of Education up to $\$ 800$ <br> - Projects identify and address local barriers to parent engagement are implemented through a variety of means which may include but are not limited to: <br> - Parent resources <br> - Parent engagement sessions <br> - Parent information sessions <br> - Projects will reflect the diversity of our communities <br> - create a committee to plan the progrant event. <br> Transfer form for the students: Grade 8 students transfer feb 8 if the transfers have been approved. |
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| February Meeting minutes | Treasurer's report <br> - Budget: \$12 678.00 balance <br> - Would prefer some funds being spent this school year on grad trips, workshops, programs for students, <br> - move a thon is coming up and we will have to spend the money <br> - Subsidize a trip or an event or someone coming into a school <br> - subsidize for activities that support student success and wellbeing . <br> - Suggestions and Ideas are welcomed to be shared with Tricia from others at the meeting. <br> Safety Blitz <br> - In Spring <br> - No parking on the west side of the street due to fire hydrant |

- Reopening discussion with city on having a crosswalk in front of the school.
- By-law officer participation morning and afterschool to support with parking around the school

Upcoming a-thon

- Past dance a thon, read a-thon.
- Last year increased community engagement.
- Included EVS students last year.
- Friday May 5th is the tentative start date.
- A two week span.
- Finally was a dance party at the end


## Legacy Wear

- Looking for volunteers to support the Legacy wear committee.
- Rolling the project out in March

Staff Appreciation Lunch

- Friday June 9
- Need volunteers to plan
- No branded containers.
- Bring items in foil serving containers
- All donated items will be added into the foil serving dishes.

Volunteers are needed for all the committees if you are interested please send an email to Tricia, Initha or Jennifer.
Members sharing

- Some students are crossing in the kiss and ride.
- School follows up with families to share best practices when dropping off students in the kiss and ride or parking lot.
- School Council Meetings will resume in person for April
- As previously shared in the Legacy News Kiss and Ride ws opened up for Wednesday due to winter sidewalk and road conditions. Walking Wednesdays are still in effect and we encourage all students to try to walk to school on Wednesday and other days when possible.
- After school parking in the parking lot.

|  | - After school parking in the school parking lot is not permitted. <br> - The parking lot is closed for pick up except on inclement weather days. <br> - Cupcake Fundraiser - Triple baked cupcakes and the students will purchase the cupcakes and pick up from the store. <br> - Elementary schools have seasonal sports - Intermediate BBall, Badminton Volleyball, Intermurals and cross country, <br> - Primary students do - Floor hockey, drop in basketball, <br> - Buddy bench - First phase of application has begun. Waiting for feedback. <br> - Staff are planning a few low cost day trips for grade 8 students. More information to be shared in the future with grade 8 families. <br> Motion to approve December 5th meeting minutes <br> Approved by Giulia Perri-Tsingis <br> Seconded by Sylvia Vocino |
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|  | Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm Next Meeting March 6, 2023 |

