

**Markham District High
School Council Meeting
October 18, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Petroula Finn, Dean Lee, Faye Cameron, Arpit Bhatt, Yvonne Tu Herman, Jeff Puttick, Peter Triantafillakis, Kandeephan Ganeshalingam, George Ellinas, Andrew Butler, Georgia Clifford

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes

3. **Student Council - Maya Naidoo**

M- Gear is being sold to students and staff through School Cash Online - students designed the logos

Vector images are in the process of being sent to the company - promotion will start soon

Clubs - External Affairs - Club Charters - Club Fair is being held after school

Club Fair schedule was sent to students to join this year

Grade Reps have been decided - Grade 9 Interviews (4 reps) 30 applicants

Grades 10-12 - Major increase in votes - videos were shown to classes + student voting

SPC Cards - currently promoting cards - students can purchase through School Cash Online

Halloween - Mrs. Sampson presented to the Student Council a Food Handling Presentation - pre-packaged foods

Student Council is planning a Halloween Mystery Event - clues and QR codes - Google Form to submit answer

Prize Basket will be given to the student winners

Students are decorating the school for Halloween

Spirit Week in November - creative activities

Event Ideas - Movie Night under the Stars - when Covid precautions are loosened in the Spring

SAA - Student Athletic Association - "Fall Fest" October 22, 2021 3-4:30 pm

4. **School Council Nominations**

School Council Chair - Peter Triantafillakis

School Council Vice-Chair - Shawna Ferguson

Treasurer - Kiran Damerashetti

Secretary - Vacant - looking for someone to fill this position

5. **Staff Update - Andrew Butler**

Interim marks - goes out next week - it is snapshot of where students are academically

Interim marks - Level 1-4

Midterms - end of November

Parent-Teacher Night - November 3rd - Zoom and Google Meet platforms

Can always email a teacher with questions and concerns

IEP's - will be sent out this week

Reviewing the Director's Action Plan - drives student achievement
Take our Kids to High School Day - November 3rd - virtually
Take our Kids to Work Day - November 3rd - job shadowing/virtual workshops
Teachers have a Google Classroom - assignments and due dates are posted

5. **Treasurer's Report**

No expenses or funds being added to the account.

6. **School Council Dates**

November 15, 2021

February 21, 2022

April 18, 2022

May 16, 2022

Sub-Committee Meetings

January 17, 2022

March 21, 2022

Direction/Strategy of Council 2021/2022

School Council Forum/Presentations

- a. Technology used at school
- b. Mental Health
- c. Pathways

7. **Student Activity Fee** - \$30 this year

Kareena Pathak and Koei Zhang - Student Council Treasurers

8. **MDHS Safety Initiative**

- Safety Blitz - by School Council
- Opportunity to observe what was happening that day
- Volumes of cars are consistent compared to last year when we prorate numbers giving last year we had Cohort A and Cohort B days
- Number of students walking on the west side of the school - 129 students
- Traffic peak at 8:05 & 8:10 am
- Cars are driving around Buses
- Students crossing in front of cars in the parking lot
- YRT Proposal

9. **Fundraising Initiatives**

- Support technology and classroom needs
- Supports students financially in need to participate
- School Council Award for Graduation

10. **Administration Update**

Grade 11 English - Indigenous course

BYOD - Bring Your Own Device

Indigenous Mount Garden - Three Sisters planting was presented at the ceremony