

MINUTES

1. **Welcome**

Present: C. McArthur (VP), G. Clifford (VP) , Tooba (student), P. Triantafillakis, C. Coore, K. Gill, D. Lee, T. Thiruchselium & D. Taylor

2. **Review of November 19, 2018 Minutes:** Items that require updating-

- Name on Minutes – correction to read from “Bill Ii” to “Bill I.”
- Item 6 – second bullet – Receipts sent from school to ministry were returned and they have to be sent to the Board office.
 - a. Shannon from the MDHS office (budget secretary) separates \$1000 from the money the Board gives the school – the School Council would like it shown in the grand total (in order to see the “whole picture”)

3. **MDHS Student Council Update**

Tooba from Student Council

- Spirit Week of March 7th – PJ Day and Pancake sales
- “I AM Canadian” – April 18 – food trucks including Beaver Tails

4. **MDHS School Staff Update**

a) **Reports sent home last week**

b) **“My Blue Print”** – new program is being used for student course selection – course selection due Feb 20 – verifications to be sent home end of March – needed now for staffing projections

c) **DECA Provincials** – Business competitions were last week

d) **Concert Band** – Band festival just happened

e) **Music trip to Europe** – grades 10-12 - March 6 – 15 - almost 100 students going – plenty of staff including Ms. Kane

f) **Music trip to Washington** – for grade 9s – April 3 – 6, 2019

g) **Wilderness Club Camping** – April 8 – 10, 2019

h) **Literacy Test for Grade 10’s (Wednesday, March 27)** – school closed to all other grades

i) **Black History Month** – being honoured now with displays

j) **First aid/CPR training** – happening

k) **Interim Reports go home March 22** – (6 weeks into second semester) – will be distributed in Home Room

l) **Volunteer/Job Fair** – March 26 – Guidance arranging

m) **Parent/Teacher interview night** – April 4

n) **PEAC meeting** – Board’s Equity & Indigenous meeting for parents – **April 17, 2019 at 4:00 – Sheraton at Leslie & 7 – NEED volunteers**

o) **PROM** – May 23

p) **Music Banquet** – May 30

q) **Athletic Banquet** – June 6 (to be confirmed)

r) **Locally Developed Courses for grades 9 & 10** – English and Math for identified students

- s) **Possibility of introducing “Equality” Courses** – discussion to department heads on possible courses such as Anti-Islamophobia, Anti-Black Racism and Indigenous studies
- t) **Timetables** – distributed end of August for 2019-2020

5. **Treasurer’s Report**

- Treasurer not present – deferred to next meeting

6. **School Council Updates**

- a) **Traffic Observations – Dec 4, 2018** – observe traffic incoming and outgoing by Peter, Tina and Robert in both East and West parking lots – Robert made a chart comparing findings from 2015 – 2018
 - a. Morning student drop offs on North and South side of Church – same findings
 - b. Jay Walking – 21 in 2018 (no #'s from 2015)
 - c. Vehicle violations (ie. Uturns) – 2015 (many) – 2018 – (2)
 - d. Driving down aisles in West lot and “budding” into exit lanes – 2015 (many) – 2018 (3)
 - double exit lane in West lot has helped – less drop off directly on Church and the “Pick up/Drop off” (PUDO) is being used more
 - cones at the end of aisles worked well – but require manpower to put them out – suggestion put forth to put signs at end of aisles – ie. “Do Not Enter”
 - e. Meeting with Board “Reena” – February 28, 2019 – 6:30-8:00 CEC East office – All council members are welcomed to attend and show support to YRDSB for the school’s safety initiative.
- b) **Snow removal** – school is responsible for immediate walkways in front of doors – investigate who is responsible for pick-up/drop off sidewalk
- c) **Tickets are being issued for cars parked or standing in fire route area – can only be used for immediate drop-off and pick-up – no waiting/idling – tickets can occur by a photo – and mailed to driver/owner of car**
- d) **Possibility of more effective transportation by YRT** – 41.5% of our student population comes from 3 feeder schools that are 5.3 - 6 km away from MDHS (David Suzuki, Legacy & Boxwood)
- e) **Student Wellness presentation** – Would like to move forward on a Marijuana (cannabis) presentation – School Admin will share Legalizing Marijuana presentation provided by York Regional Police. In the interest of time, School Council to determine feasibility of having presentation with both YRP ad YRH (York Region Health).
- f) **Pro-Grant** – received \$1000 and must be spent by June 30 – looking at screening the documentary “Screenagers” which discusses the effect of screen time on the developing brain and the social and mental health implications – no more than 1½ hours for students and then a separate screening in the evening for parents with a Q & A session – need to set a date
- g) **Climate Survey** – School council will review (Claudia, Thenali & Dean) and will provide feedback

MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING –
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Location: Library 7:00pm

- h) Sub-Committee Meeting to be organized in March as next School Council meeting is in May.

Proposed School Council meetings for 2018 - 2019

- **Tuesday May 21**