

Markville Secondary School Council

Participants: **Admin team:** Stephen Bewcyk (Principal), Vanessa Wonnacott (Vice-Principal)
Student Representatives: Abhishek Wagle, Fangzhou Yu
Parents: Annie Cai , Joyce Chan , Eric Wan, Lee Carwana, Margaret Cosgrove, Sharda Still, Susan Boyuk

Minutes

Wednesday November 13th, 2013
7:15 p.m. – 8:35 p.m. Library

Welcome & Introductions	Steve, Joyce, Annie
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Approval of previous meeting minutes	Margaret, Annie
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Student Council Report (Abhishek & Fangzhou)

1. Food Drive very successful - collection of food, clothes, toiletries all went to Yellow Brick House
2. Rep your grade event at Halloween – kids came in costume, photo booth set up
3. Markville’s birthday celebration next week – kids to dress in school colours (green/blue), lots of cake – day to showcase school spirit (school was 24yrs on Oct 30)
4. Created early bird \$2 special on tickets for the school dance so all students could more easily afford the cost – SOLD OUT. This year they will have students DJ – great way to showcase talent. All money made from drink sales at the dance will go to Red Cross for the Philippines
5. Markville Athletic Council (MAC) – Inside ride event Dec 4th – money goes to kids cancers

Guidance Update (Heather Wager)

New Ministry Program is being rolled out – **Individual Pathways Plan (IPP)**. This will be a comprehensive K-12 program where the goal is for every student to leave secondary school with a clear plan for their initial post-secondary destination

1. This year, Grade 10’s: Students will focus on developing their IPP in this class
 2. This year, Grade 11’s: they will be given a 75 min period to build, refine or reflect on their IPP
- All 4 pathways are included – university, college, apprenticeship, workplace – no matter where your child’s interests lie, there is a pathway to success for them.
 - Career Cruising is an interactive career guidance and pathways planning tool. The tool can help students to explore different career options, manage course selections online and plan various pathways to meet the requirements for their desired career path. The IPP tool will be through the career cruising site.
 - As parents, we can partner with our child in using the IPP to jointly explore pathways, programs, schools, finances...

Admin Report (Vanessa)

1. Report Cards go out Nov 18th
2. Parent Engagement Evening is Nov 20 (5:30-6:45); Parent/Teacher interviews (6:50-8:40)
3. Defibrillator training Nov 26th for teachers and select students. There may be spaces avail to members from school council - will keep us posted

Treasurers Report (Sharda)

1. Commitments to date are the guest speaker for parent engagement, annual scholarships
2. After these commitments, approx. \$2,100 remaining
3. \$1,000 approved for the PRO Grant – but receipts must be submitted before money is released

Council Report (Annie, Joyce)

1. PRO Grant for next year – discussion will be deferred until the spring
2. Wish list –email will go out to dept heads to see who needs council funds to support their initiatives – usually around \$2,500
3. Communication to Parents:
 - Mass emails are being sent out by the school
 - The school website is currently being updated, ready for launch in Feb 2014
 - Go to the MSS site and click on the little green robot (see screen capture below) for a detailed calendar of events



4. Meeting time – will keep the 7:15 start time but all be respectful to maintain the end time. Not all items need discussion, some are just FYI.
5. Parent Engagement Evening: Admin will talk to student ambassadors to see if they can greet parents at the door. Admin will purchase the snacks for the event

Next Meeting: Wednesday Jan 15, 2014 / 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. School Library

LINKS:

School's Website: <http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

York Region District School Board, School Councils Home Page:
<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=SSC000001>

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