

Markville Secondary School Council

- Participants:
- Admin Team:** Patricia Obadia (Principal), Vanessa Wonnacott (Vice-Principal), Diana Smith (Vice-Principal)
 - Student Council:** Billy Qian (President)
 - Parent Council:** Joyce Chan (Co-chair), Annie Cai (Co-chair), Annie Wang (Co-chair), Ravi Seebaransingh (Treasurer), Michael Closson (Secretary)
 - Guests:** Chris Achong (Math Department)

Minutes

Wednesday, March 25th, 2015
7:15pm -- 8:45pm. Library

Welcome	Joyce Chan
Approval of previous meeting minutes	Joyce Chan, Ravi Seebaransingh, Michael Closson

Student Council Report (Billy Qian)

- The following activities were planned or executed since the last school council meeting.
- A successful and well-organized semi-formal was held. 280 tickets were sold.
 - Another Rep-Your-Grade event occurred in the school to accumulate points for the end of the year barbecue. It was also successful in showing Markville school spirit. This was apparent across social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc) where students showed off their preppy clothing as the theme. Our next RYG event will be Tacky Tourist day.
 - A spirit week will be held in June. The week event will have students come in everyday in different themes. This is planned in hopes of once again promoting the social environment at Markville SS.
 - The student council is currently placing orders for the Markville SS sweaters. Graduation sweaters are still being planned (graphics being made). They will cost \$25 dollars each.

EQAO Grade 9 Math (Chris Achong)

- The EQAO math test is written by students in grades 3, 6 and 9.
- The grade 9 exam contains a trilogy of topics, all drawn from the curriculum.
- Students who repeat a grade must redo the test.
- In the YRDSB, 5% of each student's math grade comes from their EQAO test result.
- The test result is the level that the student performs at, as opposed to a mark.

PROGrant Application (Parent Council)

Key Dates

- Deadline for the 2015-16 PRO grant submissions is Tuesday, May 19, 2015.
- Project funds must be expended by June 30, 2016.
- The Report Back form on or before July 15, 2016.

The Proposal

Parent engagement night. Bring in 4 speakers. Discuss 4 themes.

1. Math
 - Potential topics include
 - Grade 9 EQAO
 - Math Club
 - How parents can help their students succeed at math.
 - Focus on applied math.
 - The math department may be able to provide the speaker.
2. Time Management w/ a focus on Technology
 - The school or the board may have some resources here.
3. Inclusivity (ethnic, disabilities, LGBTQ)
 - CAMH or the school board may have some resources.
4. Career Pathways
 - Ms. Alice Ruffo from guidance may have access to these resources.

PROgrant Budget Items

- Promotion.
- Refreshments.
- Honorarium for speakers.
- Prepare and photocopy the feedback form (the exit ticket).
- Bring in a speaker for one of the topics.

Schedule of Team Meetings

April 8, April 22, May 6th. 7:15pm - 8:45pm at the school library.

Treasurer Report (Ravi Seebaransingh)

- No new activity since last meeting.

Staff appreciation in June (School Council)

- \$500 available to purchase dessert/refreshments.
- Patricia will contact Steve regarding the Chef who served last years event.
- The school will pay for hot lunch and the council pays for bite-sized dessert delectables.

Admin report (Patricia Obadia)

- Presented recent activities.
- A package containing the working copy of board level policy and procedure changes was given to the council members. Any feedback should be given to Patricia.
- Administrator Profile. At the request of the school board, the council members provided a community assessment of desirable administrator attributes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 17, 2015 / 7:15pm - 8:45pm. 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.ca/schools/SchoolCouncils/Pages/default.aspx>

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