Markville S.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes Monday, September 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Principal Patricia Obadia.

Ms. Obadia introduced herself, the Vice Principals (Vanessa Wonnacott and Diana Smith) and the teachers present (Marty Segal, Michael Diluccio and Krys Scagnetti).

Diana Smith asked that the agenda be approved as presented and it was.

Student Council representatives Dasola and Jay reported on recent student activities and shared photos of the representatives from each grade. They also gave parents dates for some upcoming events including a November dance.

Michael Diluccio gave a presentation regarding the technological platforms used at the school – TeachAssist and Google classroom. He explained how these can be used by parents to track student achievement and for collaborative student work. A link to the presentation slides will be placed on the school website.

Krys Scagnetti, the Student Success teacher gave an overview presentation on Study Skills and how parents can be supportive. A link to the presentation slides will be placed on the school website.

Marty Segal stated that at this time he has no report from the school staff.

Ms. Obadia gave her report, indicating a number of school improvement projects that took place over the summer and others that are continuing into the fall:

- Replacement of the interlocking brick around the front doors
- Installation of an electronic sign at the school's front entrance
- Upgrades to some classroom and cafeteria furniture
- New floors and bleachers in the gymnasiums
- The removal of old carpet in offices throughout the school

Ms. Obadia oversaw the election of a slate of officers for the School Council executive. Positions are as follows:

Co-chairs Naline Ali (nalineya@yahoo.ca)

Josephine Gennaro (info@gennarino.ca)

Angelo Kambanis (angelo.kambanis@gmail.com) Treasurer

Ravi Seebaransingh (rseebaransingh@gmail.com) Secretary

Future School Meetings will take place on the third Monday of the month and begin at 7:00 pm. The November 21st, 2016 future dates are:

January 23rd, 2017

March 20th, 2017

May 15th, 2017

Ms. Obadia informed the parents present that the previous year's Council had applied for a Parents Reaching Out grant and were successful in receiving \$1000, to be spent on Parent Engagement evenings. The new executive will be responsible for determining the needs of the parents and appropriate speakers and presentations to meet these needs.

The first Parent Engagement evening of the year will be held on Wednesday, October 19th, prior to Parent Teacher interview night. Topic is yet to be determined but we are looking at "What parents need to know about internet safety".

Parent questions were answered about several topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.