

Markville Secondary School Council

Participants: **Admin team:** Stephen Bewcyk (Principal), Paul Simmons (Vice-Principal), Vanessa Wonnacott (Vice-Principal)
Student Representatives: Abhishek Wagle, Fangzhou Yu
Parents: Lisa Henshall (Co Chair), Annie Cai (Treasurer), Joyce Chan (Secretary), Aster Choong, Christina Sciberras, Eric Wan, Lascelle Myers, Lee Carwana, Manny Sciberras, Margaret Cosgrove, Mary Lue Coote, Namita Shrivastara, Pradeep Nair, Sharda Still, Victor Zhang, Vivian Lau, Wei Rui

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday September 18th, 2013
7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Library

Welcome & Introductions	Steve Bewcyk
Approval of previous meeting minutes	Deferred until next meeting

Student Council Report (Abhishek & Fangzhou)

1. You Tube intro video has been posted
2. Spirit Days will be monthly events
3. Free cake served for Markville's birthday
4. Dance Nov 13, 2013
5. Semi formal Feb 13, 2014

Council Report (Lisa)

1. Parent Resource Library has been set up – students can sign out books for parents
 - recommendation to look at usage to see if PRO grant money is being maximized
2. PRO grant for this school year has been accepted - \$1,000
3. Need to secure a speaker asap for the Nov parent engagement evening – can gauge interest in topic/speaker via email or survey monkey
 - suggestions to date: police who can talk on drugs/ Toni Newman (Innovation Speaker)
4. Results of Election for 2013/2014
 - co chairs: Joyce Chan and Annie Cai
 - treasurer: Sharda Still
 - secretary: Lee Carwana

Treasurers Report

Deferred to next meeting

Administration Report (Admin team)

1. Student numbers at present – 1234
2. New initiative this school year – the one to one/BYOD program
 - all grade 9 students to have their own devices (laptops, tablets, ipads)
 - by continuing this each year for grade 9 students, in 4 yrs time all students will have their own devices
3. Wireless connectivity is now throughout the entire building – roughly a \$25K upgrade
 - Markville is the 2nd school in the Board with this type of connectivity
4. Cooperative funding has allowed for all teachers to have devices
5. The Board now requires a formal homework policy
 - Leadership teachers will be putting together guidelines, where there will need to be a grade by grade differentiation
 - Once prepared, school council can put together a sub committee to review these
 - Guidelines to be published next year

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Parent Engagement Evening: Wednesday Nov 20th, 2013 / 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 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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