

Markville Council Meeting
September 17, 2018, 7:15 p.m.

Attendees: Anim M., Vicky L., Gavin L., Kelly A., Deepak V., Fiona L., Charline R., Vigna T., Daniel C., Sindhu N., Walter W., Joy R., Jeff C., Elsie T., Eman E., Naline A., Ravi S., Judy C., Yvonne Z., Amanda G., Nala A., Kay H., Benjamin L., Susan P., Jane P., Karyn., Lucas C., Ana M., Faria A., Sandra S., Kelvin L., Winnie L., Peter C., Michelle Y., Sharmin B., Ellen V.,

7:15 Meeting Commenced

-Principal Patricia Obadia introduced attending staff

-Vice Principal Michael Vlachopoulos discussed the School Council and the role and benefits of school council

-Student report by Tiffany Y. discussed upcoming events, grade colour day, and Halloween dress-up day

-Technology Platforms –Mike Diluccio discussed online resources used by the school
Goal of technology is to move students from consumers of technology to producers of technology

Most common technology platforms shared:

Moodle –older platform, but still used –blog style –teachers can share information, even give assignments, tests and quizzes

Google Apps (aka GAPPS) used for distributing assignments, resources, slide shows etc. –also allows multiple users to collaborate on one document –every student has free account with unlimited storage www.google.yrdsb.ca –user name is student number and password students use for regular log in

Teach Assist -teachers can access marks, assignments and feedback –can be accessed by parents –uses students user name and passwords

School Website –can access all platforms, plus school events, calendar, guide to school year, twitter feed, etc.

Link to power point slideshow with above information can be found at the following address:
Bit.ly/mss_platforms

-Edsby is currently only being used to book interviews, not fully being implemented yet, but plans are to more regularly use throughout the course of the year

Staff Report by J. Bramer -teachers have opportunity to give updates and share events at meetings –no updates this month –discussed university applications and role of guidance – guidance will be touching base with all grade 9's in the next few weeks
-new platform called, My Blueprint will be replacing Career Cruising –details will come at a later date
–all information about dates and applications for Universities etc. is available on the school website

Principal's Report

Patricia Obadia shared the staff list this year, including new and returning teachers and staff, Some recent events included the grade 9 transition day and grade 9 Camp Green Acres, School start up and transition assemblies

Upcoming Dates:

September 24 –PA day

October 3 - interim report cards –no marks, levels only

October 8 – Thanksgiving holiday

October 22 - PA Day

October 22 – Music fall celebration

October 17 - Parent –Teacher interview night 6:30

October 29 to November 2 –midterm break

November 14 -take your kids to work day

November 19 - mid semester reports

November 27 - full disclosure final date for marks to be reported or not to post-secondary institutions

November 2 - Math contest

Parent Engagement Evening –we have applied for a parents reaching out grant to host a health and wellness expo evening –the plan is to invite community agencies, resources, and people that support families and students in the area of health and wellness –mental and physical –we will discuss at a future meeting

School Council Annual Report

- completed by school council executive last year
- summary of survey results

Election of Officers

- discussion about role of officers/executive members of council
- nomination forms were reviewed and new council members selected –no vote necessary as decision was made to share positions of Chair and Secretary

Council co-chairs –Naline Ali, Kelly Ambrose

Secretary – Judy Chang, Ellen Viero

Treasurer – Anim Mohammed

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, November 19

Monday, January 21

Monday, March 4

Monday, May 13

Question about article Waterloo website/CBC report

- article stated that some high school graduates are given inflated marks –so students in 1st year Waterloo Engineering marks are dropping by an average of 16 marks or percent
- Markville has average drop is 13%, but the percentage of drop ranged from 10 to 27%
- statistics are only collected by Waterloo engineering –not other programs or universities, so statistics may be similar –would expect students marks to drop during first year of university

-A parent shared that at Angus Glen Library, the Markham Public library is hosting a University Fair on Saturday October 13