

# Markville Secondary School Council

Participants:

**Admin Team:** Stephen Bewcyk (Principal), Vanessa Wonnacott (Vice-Principal), Patricia Obadia (Vice-Principal)

**Student Council:** Billy Qian (President), William Yang (Vice President)

**Parent Council:** Joyce Chan (Co-chair), Annie Wang (Co-chair), Annie Cai (Co-chair), Ravi Seebaransingh (Treasurer), Michael Closson (Secretary), Serjik Dikaleh, Margaret Cosgrave, Imran Qureshi, Nabila Imran, Rongna Wang, Jianhua (Jackie) Sun, Bettie Pan

## Minutes

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**7:15pm – 9:00pm. Library**

Welcome & Introductions

Stephen Bewcyk

### Student Council Report (Billy and William)

Month	Student Council (SAC)	Athletic Council (MAC)
October	Annual Halloween Haunted House – We decorated the cafe stage into a mini haunted house, students were able to get their pictures taken in the haunted house, also candy was handed out to them at the end.	Mav Madness – a week of home games which took place at Markville. Students were able to get their faces painted before cheering on their own school at the games.
November	Fall/Winter Dance – was a very successful dance. The dance at the beginning of the school year usually targets the grade 9 and 10 students, which is mainly what happened. Not many older students attended the dance. But overall still a great turn out.	Badminton intramurals – Students with period 3 lunch were able to attend the intramurals. It was a great way for students to have fun with their friends and be active. MAC Clothing Blitz – We sold hats, scarves and mittens, but due to the lack of scarves and mittens only hats were sold.

Month	Student Council (SAC)	Athletic Council (MAC)
December	<p>Holiday Spirit Week (15-19) – During the last week before the break we have a spirit week where every day is a different spirit day. Student who participate will be given candy canes every day and on the last day we are going to have a cookie booth where they are able to decorate their own cookies.</p> <p>Thurs Dec 18 – in the morning we have our annual Teachers Appreciation Breakfast. This is our way of thanking our teachers, by serving them breakfast. In addition we will have a Christmas photo booth that day in the atrium where students are able to have their picture taken with "Santa"</p>	<p>Dodgeball buy-in (Dec 17) – Our annual dodgeball buy-in where students make a team of 8 people to get together to play a dodgeball tournament. The sales for this event has been great. We have all the spots filled for the teams. It's a great event for students to bond and have fun and also get exercise.</p>
January	Rep your Grade event – TBD	Basketball intramurals
February	Annual Semi Formal – Dinner and Dance	Annual Inside Ride

### **School Council Elections (Joyce)**

Co-chairs: Joyce Chan (incumbent), Annie Wang, Annie Cai (incumbent)  
Treasurer: Ravi Seebaransingh  
Secretary: Michael Closson

### **Parent Engagement Night (Joyce)**

- Wed Nov 19th @ 5:30pm - 6:30pm, in the cafeteria
- A speaker from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) will give the address.
- The council will provide suggestions for speaker. The following topics were raised:
  - How students can deal with (and how parents can help students deal with) stress and depression.
  - What parents can do to help reduce their child's level of stress, and what things parents typically (and inadvertently) do to increase their child's level of stress.
- Inform parents about the school level and board level resources that are available to students and parents.

## Suggestions for future School Council meeting presentations

- Invite a representative from the guidance department.
- Invite a representative from the math department to discuss the [Grade 9 EQAO math test](#).

## How to help our child succeed

- The School sends out an e-bulletin email each Friday. Attendance (and some grades) is reported.
- Communication with our student is important.
- The school uses Moodle. Parents are allowed to know their student's Moodle username and password. But don't make it seem like we're using it to check-up on our kid. Grades are available on Moodle.
- Teach Assist is a tool similar to Moodle. Parents can ask their student to give a 101 on it.
- Parents will receive a phone call at home if their student is absent.
- Students should expect to spend no more than 30 minutes per class on homework. However, homework isn't assigned every day. Talk to the teacher if your child spends too much time on homework.
- The interim report card is available on October 6th.

## Opportunities to get involved

- Parent engagement forums.
- Opportunities come up throughout the year. Usually one in the fall and one in the spring.
- Teachers often provide opportunities.
- October 1st is the College/University fair. (check the calendar)

## Other discussion items

- Parents can stay up to date on school events by checking the [school calendar](#) on the website and the [news and events tab](#). The school calendar is updated throughout the year.
- On Friday, students can sign up for clubs. A [list of clubs](#) can be found on the school website.
- The council budget and wish list will be available at the January meeting.
- The school provides a variety of [specialty programs](#).
- October break.
  - Teachers are asked to not assign homework during the break.
  - For grade 10+ students, an international travel opportunity is provided.
- [Parents reaching out grants](#).

**Next Meeting: Wednesday Jan 14, 2015 / 8:00pm - 9:00pm. Room 108**