



RANDALL P.S.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 20, 2020
Learning Commons – 6:00-7:00 pm

Meeting Norms: *All voices are valued and there is a shared focus with a timed format. Please note that our Council mandate is to discuss student achievement throughout all grades. Any personal/specific student-related issues/concern should be brought to the attention of the office.*

1. Welcome

2. Active School Travel Program

Reena Mistry from YRDSB delivered a presentation with updates on the project achievements and future plans.

- This is \$100,000 government-funded project.
- The project was featured in the fall issue of Markham Life magazine.
- Randall PS is one of the 9 schools participating in the pilot project.
- Parents are encouraged to step up and support as ambassadors too.

Student ambassadors of ASTP from Randall PS also delivered a presentation on the importance of walking/cycling or riding a bus to school and explained how these activities help the students, parents, and environment. Students ambassadors have launched information posters and announcements promoting Winter Walk Day February 5th. Student ambassadors will continue to collect data.

3. Vaping

Mr. David Williams delivered a presentation on the harmful effects of vaping. Information handouts were distributed. Parents were encouraged to watch the resource video: <https://youtu.be/uXzLt8roFWs>

At the end of the presentation, there was an open discussion on vaping, what parents need to do and how to educate children on the harmfulness of vaping.

4. Staff Wish List

The teachers at Randall PS have requested parent's council to raise funds for recess bag sports/activity equipment including light-weight balls, skipping ropes etc. Students will use this equipment during recess time when they are confined to using only the paved areas around the school due to snow or rain puddles in the grassy areas.

Mr. Williams and Ms. Nasser will get quotes for this equipment from YRDSB authorized vendors.

5. Remaining Meeting Dates

Monday, April 6, 2020

Monday, June 8th, 2020

6. Other Business/Items

- **Funfair**

As per a new YRDSB policy, any future school funfairs cannot have any inflatables and/or animals. Parents are encouraged to share their ideas for the re-envisioned funfairs so that these would remain fun events for the students (e.g. Carnival-style games, food trucks, BBQ etc.)

- **School Newsletter**

Parents council requested to reinstate the school newsletters on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis as this is an excellent way for school-parents communication and keep the parents informed on the activities happening at school (school's achievements, students' achievements, student clubs etc.)

Principal and Vice-Principal will look into it.

- **PRO Grant**

Application was submitted. No updates yet.

- **TVO Math**

A large number of parents are unaware of this free resource to help students with their math skills. Parents council will contact TVO Math team directly and see if they would be willing to visit the school and hold a workshop for parents and students to help them understand how it works.

- **Award presented by Tamil Community**

Parents council urged the school to look into this YRDSB approved award presented by the Tamil community to recognize high achiever students. Teachers nominate students from their respective grades for this award.

Principal and Vice-Principal will look into it.

"We believe that school councils play an important role in building schools, family and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school level decisions and by encouraging the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning." YRDSB Website; www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca