



**RANDALL P.S.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 4, 2018
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. Land Acknowledgement

Ms. Nassar shared the land acknowledgement with the council, which is recited in the school, as part of school's focus on reconciliation with indigenous communities.

3. Active School Travel Pilot

YRDSB and City of Markham presented Active School Travel (AST) Pilot Project to the council. Active school travel is the use of any human powered travel, such as walking, cycling rollerblading, skateboarding etc.) to get to and from school or school bus. The aim is to encourage and increase physical activity in children, reduce traffic congestion, improve safety for everyone in school zone and promote life-long healthier habits in children.

Randall PS has been selected as one of the schools in Markham to run this pilot project. The purpose of this pilot project is to research and test the methodologies and sustainability of the ATS programs.

As part of the project, children will be involved in classroom based challenges/activities to encourage and educate them about the AST. Parents will also be involved in community based activities.

The project kick-off date is 1st or 2nd week of April. To make this a success, YRDSB and City of Markham seek at least 3 parents to form AST Sub-committee, who will help in planning, monitoring and executing programs.

At the meeting, the school council members were asked for their consent of the pilot program and all present members unanimously voted in its favor.

School will release further information on the program in order to seek volunteers to form AST sub-committee.

4. Treasurer's Report

Both council treasurers were unable to attend the meeting and will share their report in the next meeting.

5. Regional Parent Symposium

April 17, 2019 - 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm: The focus of the symposium will be on successful strategies for improved parent engagement. School will be represented by a delegation of parents (3 parents per elementary school; 5 parents per secondary school) and one school administrator.

School will release more information on this to seek volunteers to form the delegation.

6. EQAO Results

The school outperformed the province in 5 out of 6 areas in EQAO. In reading and Math, ELL students either outperformed or were approximately equal to non-ELL population.

School and the school board are focused on professional development, learning and workshops for educators to improve the learning process as well as the overall scores.

7. Pro Grant

The school has received approval of PRO Grant. The grant will be used in organizing an event focused on Maths. Mathletes and Jump2Math are under discussion. Details and dates will be finalized later and will be communicated to the parents.

8. Fun Fair

Tentative date: June 19, 2019

School looks forward to volunteers and parents' support to make it a success. It was discussed that the fun fair will mostly have the same activities and layout as last year. Suggestions were made to have more options for food items.

9. Other Business/Items for Next Council Meeting

No further plans discussed.

"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