



**RANDALL P.S.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 5, 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

All attendees confirmed receipt of last meeting minutes and invitation to November 5th meeting.

2. Discussion on possible Fundraising Events for the year

Ideas were discussed on making fundraising events more successful.

Proposed fundraising events:

1. **Samosa Sale:** To be held in December 2018. Date not yet decided.
2. **Sub Lunches:** 3 events to be held in the coming 3 months, starting December 2018.
3. **Kernel Poppers:** These can be sold at the winter concert if community class is not already planning on doing the same.
4. **Used Book Sale:** Students will be encouraged to donate their used books for a book sale at the school premises. Left-over books may further be donated to charity or returned back to students.

3. Sub-Committees

Executive committee will communicate among themselves to discuss on formation of sub committees.

4. Edsby for Interviews

Parents will receive a message in their Edsby mailboxes when it is time to schedule interviews. There is an instructional video that explains how parents can schedule interviews.

5. Traffic Planning Meeting

School has received appreciation on the pick/drop system in place. No changes or further improvements are recommended as yet by York Region Police, Town of Markham or any other relevant authorities in terms of traffic planning and pick/drop routines.

6. PRO Grant

All 3rd party programs and government funding are on hold. At present, none of the schools under YRDSB are receiving any grants.

7. School Council Forum

Monday, November 26 at Milliken Mills High School from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.
Council executives are encouraged to attend the forum to represent the school.
Till date, school has not received an agenda for the upcoming council forum.

8. Other Business/Items for Next Council Meeting

- Ideas were discussed to hold discussions/presentations for parents.
Suggestions were made to run a poll to pick the topic for discussion.
Hot Topics:
 - Cannabis
 - Digital Addiction
 - Mental Health + First Aid Training
 - Motivating and Inspiring Kids
 - Strengthening Families
 - Internet Security
- There was a discussion on how parents-teachers communication can be made more effective and what can be done in terms of keeping parents informed on the classroom activities. As per YRDSB rules, school can only use Edsby for all communication. However, Google Classroom is also being used for some grades.
- All important school events are being posted on the Edsby calendar, which is accessible by all parents.
- There was a small discussion on school uniform. In past, school uniform was implemented for a brief period but most students/families did not follow the dress code and therefore, the dress code was reverted back to non-uniform.

“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