

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Welcome and introductions	Past chair, Nicola McDonald and Principal Ken Shigeishi welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone took turns to introduce themselves.
Student Council Report	Karin and Shani, co-presidents of the student council, shared the past and upcoming activities including: grade 9 welcome day, "Friday Formal" spirit day on Sept. 20, club Day Sept 23 and the Hallowe'en Haunted House on Oct. 31. Grade 9 reps are to be elected and forms are being distributed via home rooms.
Teacher Report	Patricia Wotherspoon outlined her role as the teacher representative. Ken Shigeishi reported that 12 sports teams were running this season and try-outs and practices had taken place. Many clubs are also starting and Grade 9s had the opportunity to see them on their grade 9 orientation day. A second club day is being organized for September 23.
Administration Report	Ken Shigeishi, Debbie Ziegler (Vice-Principal) and Habeeb Baig (Vice-Principal) reported on various school activities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola reviewed the positions required for the school council. Chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction equipment on the west side of the school is for re-sealing of the windows in the stairwells. This is to prevent leakage which occurs when there are strong winds. • Lighting in the main corridor is being improved • The board has begun a green compost program. We are starting in the cafeteria server prep room as well as the hospitality program kitchen.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School enrolment is slightly lower than anticipated. Some of last year's grade 12 students chose courses even though they had accepted placements at college or university programs. • Timetable changes are just about complete. Guidance Services staff have been working diligently to resolve requests made the first week of school. Most course request changes are not possible due to full classes. It is important that students choose carefully each year. There are some students with a blank period in semester 2 and those students will be seen by guidance counselors over the next few weeks. Students are considered for a spare period after the student has accumulated 24 credits. Students are considered for two spare periods on an individual basis.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim reports will be distributed on Monday October 7. It is a snapshot from the first 5 weeks of classes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YRDSB Mission, Vision and Values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The York Region District School Board is reviewing its mission, vision and values. Everyone is invited to provide input. The website link is: http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=MVV000001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 Activity Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Sept. 23 Grade 9s will attend the career fair at the end of second period and then have a BBQ lunch. In the afternoon, there will be a series of team-building activities organized by grade 11 and 12 students from our leadership class and the student council. • The club list will be compiled and posted on the website

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School Council Elections	Nicola reviewed the positions again. Nominations closed and then the following volunteered for the positions: Co-chairs: Karina Gelman, Nicola McDonald Secretaries: Melissa Kotton, Aneeta Ralph, Deborah Woodbine (agreed to record minutes for one meeting each) Treasurer: Linda Behr
Any Other Business	Request for information on events to be emailed Parents were asked to review the student handbook so that a “parent” version could be created for next year. Bring back to the next meeting
Future meetings	Dates for future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon. Nov. 16• Mon Jan 20• Mon Mar 17• Tues May 20
Adjournment	

Next Meeting: Monday November 18 2013 7:15pm, Library

HELPFUL LINKS:

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