

# Markville Secondary School Council

Participants: Admin team: Stephen Bewcyk (Principal), Debbie Linkewich (Vice-Principal), Maureen Weaver (Vice-Principal)  
 Student representative: Amanda Perkins  
 Parents: Nancy Elliott (Treasurer), Arjan Samtani, Lee Carwana, Janet Wellsman Thomson, Marguerite Ennis, Raj Seth, Joyce Chan (Chair)

## Minutes

**Monday April 7, 2008**  
**7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Library**

<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Joyce/Nancy</b>
<b>Approval of the January 14<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup> Minutes</b>	<b>Nancy/Arjan</b>
<b>Outstanding items - Admin team, Parents</b>	
<p>2b) Profiles of the administrator – tailor it to Markville SS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce to secure a template off the Min of Ed website</li> </ul> <p>2d) Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve to get a sample template and issue to Joyce</li> <li>• A subcommittee comprised of Marguerite, Elaine, Janet, and Joyce have been secured for this initiative</li> </ul> <p>2e) Character Matters and Bullying – potential to combine the two clubs/groups – and to have a presentation to council (date?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pencil in the committee for next fiscal presentation to council</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> before the spending for the parent engagement so far the council had \$1000 of board funds (\$500 for parent engagement and \$500 for other council use) and \$135 of non board funds. So far \$48.28 and \$24.00 have been spent of the \$500 on parent engagement activities. At this time council has approximately \$430 of parent engagement funds remaining and \$500 of other board funds left for use for microwaves.	<b>Nancy</b>

### Student Report

- 1) Free the Children fundraising is planned for May 7<sup>th</sup> – “Vow of Silence” campaign where participants can pledge \$10 each, t-shirts maybe available
- 2) Talent show – auditions are tomorrow
- 3) Approximately 370 participated in the March 27<sup>th</sup> semi-formal dinner/dance at the Crystal Fountain
- 4) Spirit Day – inside out/backwards theme is planned
- 5) The school participated on Earth Day by cutting the electrical power for an hour during the afternoon
- 6) The student council can submit a proposal to the Ministry of Education for \$1000.00 for secondary school

student engagement

- 7) The student council will collaborate with the parent council, and promote the May 14th Parent Engagement event. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, a student council member, and parent council member will jointly make the draw, for each of the two days, for a Cineplex movie package (2 movie tickets, 2 drinks, and popcorn). The ballots for the draws will be distributed along with the report cards on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### COUNCIL REPORT (Joyce/All)

**Cafeteria:**

Council approved the purchase of two microwaves through the school board for a total of approximately \$100 each. Steve to place the order

**Substance Abuse:**

The May 14th Parent Engagement event will cover this topic

**Dress Code:**

Steve read the dress code as printed in the agendas. He reports that students generally comply with the code. The principal and vice-principals deal with any issues

**Homework Policy:**

Guidelines are set out in the staff handbook. The student community regulates workload, i.e., students will let their teachers know if they are swamped with projects and tests concurrently. Earlier on, the parent council urged the admin team to remind its teaching staff to respect holidays, and breaks by not issuing homework that needed to get done right after the break. Consequently, the response has been positive, i.e., students, along with their families, during this school year, have enjoyed their time off

**Parent Engagement event update:**

Joyce gave an update of what has been completed and what the outstanding items are. Joyce also took a moment to express a sincere thank-you to the implementation team consisting of parents such as Nancy, Elaine, Marguerite, and Joyce

**1<sup>st</sup> Markville SS Staff Appreciation event – sponsored by the parent council:**

A token of appreciation will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon, to coincide with the staff meeting. This event is to thank the Markville SS staff consisting of the admin team, teaching staff, office staff, custodial staff, and student representatives. Light refreshments will be served. Nancy, and Elaine will be shopping for the refreshments.

### PARENT REPORT

**Availability of soap in the washrooms:**

Elaine identified this issue, and the admin team will look into this, as there are other related issues they need to manage

**EQAO:**

An enquiry into Markville's comparative performance was tabled; this issue will be included onto the 0809 Agenda, and the Student Success Team will make the presentation

### SCHOOL REPORT (Admin team)

**Joint Feeder Schools Council meeting:**

An invitation for a meet and greet will be issued to take place an hour before the Parent Engagement event May 14<sup>th</sup>. Joyce will be attending on April 17<sup>th</sup> School Chairs meeting sponsored by the trustee, and will issue the

invitations prepared by Debbie to each of the school chairs.

**ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (All)**

<b>Constitution:</b> committee to tailor the document to MSS, and present to council	Janet, Elaine, Marguerite, Joyce
<b>Administrator's Profile:</b> secure a template, and tailor it to MSS, and present to council	Joyce
<b>0809 Agenda items:</b> parents to make suggestions, and admin team (Debbie) to issue list of resources available, including possible list of presentations	All

**Next Meeting: Wednesday June 4th, 2008 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. School Library**

**Other events: Parent Engagement Event – Wednesday May14th at 7-8pm in the cafeteria  
Joint Feeder Schools Council meet and greet – Wednesday May14th at 6-7pm in the library**

**LINKS:**

School's Website: <http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

York Region District School Board, School Councils Home Page:  
<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=SSC000001>

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