Participants: Admin team: Rose Li (Vice-Principal), Melissa Schmidt (Vice-Principal)
Student representatives: Anni Dong, Helen Liu, Catherine Ma
Parents: Lisa Henshall (Co-Chair), Susan Boyuk (Co-Chair), Billy Lo (Treasurer), Lee Carvana
(Secretary), Sharda Still, Sallie Tai, Shivprasad Wagle, Harsha Wagle, Margaret Cosgrave, Teresa
Chow, Nancy Yap, Ruth Toy, Nikita Gupta, Kingsley Alagaratnam

Minutes

Wednesday November 17th, 2010
7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Library

Welcome & Introductions
Lisa / Melissa Schmidt
introduction of our parent engagement designate –
Michelle Grainger.

Approval of previous meeting minutes
Sue/ Shivprasad

Student Council Report (Anni, Helen, Catherine)

1. Past Events:
   - November 2nd: Spirit Day [Markville`s Birthday];
     • Wore school colours (Blue, Green & White).

2. Future Events:
   - November 19th: Vow of Silence;
     • Day where we choose not to speak, in recognition of those around the world who have no "voice"
       because they have no rights.
     • Prices: $5 for participation, bracelet, and keychain.
     • All money collected goes directly to Free the Children.
   - November 23rd: YRT/Viva Display; 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM.
     • The Youth-on-Board ambassador sets up a booth with the route maps, safety rules, etc. about York
       Region Transit and Viva, so if anyone has questions, that can ask then.
   - November 23rd: Markville`s Volunteer Fair; 11:00 AM - 1:40 PM.
     • Different organizations will be arriving at Markville Secondary School, to offer available
       volunteer opportunities.
     • Students may want to bring a resume as some organizations will be collecting information then!
   - November 24th: Parent-Teacher Interview Night; 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
   - November 25th: Global Village; 11:00 AM - 1:40 PM.
     • Gift shop with jewellery, musical instruments, scarves, crafts, and more from around the world!
     • Prices: $1 - $60,
   - November 25th: Semi Formal; 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM.
     • Theme: Winter Wonderland,
     • Venue: Le Parc (Leslie & Hwy. 7),
     • Price: $45 (for both Markville students and guests).
     • Mr. Duncan`s World Issues class will be having displays in the atrium about the effect of
       HIV/AIDS in different areas around the world,
- **December 2nd:** **Chris Durham Hockey Classic.**
  - Full day hockey tournament with all proceeds going towards the family of the deceased Chris Durham, a former Markville teacher.
  - Sign-Ups: November 23rd to December 1st in the atrium;
  - Prices: $3 per player, 6 players (including at least ONE girl!) per team.
- **December 16th:** **Rep. Your Grade [Wacky Winter Wear].**
  - Wear your fun festive holiday wear!
  - Treats will also be sold in the atrium, periods 3 & 4.

The Voice, Markville`s Student Paper, is also set for release Nov 17

**Department Presentation - School Tour by Admin**

**Council Report (Lisa/Sue)**

- **Parent Engagement Evening April 6, 2011**
  - Decided not to go with the facebook presentation at this time as the speaker is not available in April.
  - Will form a sub committee to discuss other ideas
  - A parent has requested a department presentation from the special education team – will get more details as to what specific topics are to be covered ie: transition to post secondary

**Treasurers Report (Billy)**

- 2 microwaves have been ordered (one from the school budget, one from school council)
- PRO grant to be received in the near future

**Administration Report (Admin team)**

- **School Council Scholarships – for special education**
  - Cost is $92.50 for the plaque and .16¢ per letter for the engraving
- **New ministry report cards**
  - averages are no longer there
  - there are 6 learning skills
  - nobody is using the “request an interview” block on the report cards this time around
- **There will be a gifted program at Markville next year**
- **We are applying for a new program – Specialist High Skills Major – business / information and communication technology**
- **There is a new person starting immediately who will help to maintain/update the school website**
- **We have district support for a School Effectiveness Framework – we will identify two areas of improvement**

**Action items for next meeting**
Discuss ideas for Parent Engagement

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 19th, 2011 / 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. School 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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