Markville Secondary School Council

Participants: Admin team: Stephen Bewcyk (Principal), Phil Azzopardi (Vice-Principal), Melissa Schmidt (Vice-Principal)
Student representatives: Catherine Ma, Helen
Parents: Lisa Henshall (Co Chair), Susan Boyuk (Co Chair), Janet Wellsman Thomson (Past Chair), Billy Lo (Treasurer), Lee Carwana (Secretary), Shivprasad Wagle, Harsha Wagle, Margaret Cosgrave (Community Rep), Ruth Toy

Minutes

Wednesday October 6th, 2010
7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Library

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Student Council Report (Catherine and Helen)

1. This week (October 4th to 8th) is the Rep. Your Grade food drive.
   All collected food will be donated to the Markham-Stouffville Food Bank.
   Double Point Items: Cake Mixes, Canned Meat, Canned Milk, Cold Cereal, Jam, Juice Tetra Packs (6), Pudding Cups (4), Salmon, Spaghetti Sauce and Tea Bags.

2. On October 21st, Markville will be holding its first buy-in!
   Scott Hammell will be doing a hypnotist show.
   He will be performing during fifth period {1:40 PM to 3:00 PM}.
   Prices are $3, with any proceeds being donated to charity.

3. Semi Formal (Dinner and Dance) will be held on November 25th!
   The theme is Winter Wonderland.
   Tickets are currently priced at $40.

4. On November 25th, Down to Earth will also be here!
   Down to Earth will be setting up its Global Village booth in the atrium during third and fourth period {11:00 AM to 1:40 PM}.
   They will be selling trinkets and jewelry from around the world.
   Prices range anywhere between $1 - $20.

Department Presentation – SCIENCE – David McKillop

- This is the second largest dept at Markville
- The focus is on student success
  - The “new curriculum” changes mandated by the ministry were all implemented last year
  - Trying to do less formal student assessment prior to tests – quizzes, discussions with students – allowing feedback to see where students are
New report cards will have 6 learning skills, not 5

Technology – LCD for every science classroom, 1 laptop, smart board, moodle

Extra Curricular
- Science club – TD shoreline cleanup
- Guest speakers, chemistry experiments, biology dissections
- Science contests at the senior levels

Eco Club
- Has become very popular – bring in any empty toner/ink cartridges you have – dept gets cash in exchange for the cartridges which are disposed of environmentally
- We are certified a “silver” school

Council Report (Lisa/Janet)

- Overview plan for 2010/11 to be discussed at the next meeting
  - Wish list will be discussed with teachers
- Motion to purchase 1 microwave - to replace the broken one in the cafeteria
  (admin will take care of this) Janet/Shivprasad
- Plaque for the alternative education scholarship from school council
  - Come up with wording for the plaque – to be discussed at next meeting
  - Janet to research different styles and check pricing of plaques for next meeting

Treasurer’s Report
- Arjan will complete the last report
- Billy Lo to meet with admin for a quick overview of responsibilities

Administration Report (Admin team)

- Next months department presentation - instead of a talk, we will do a tour of the school
- Voluntary donation to school council at time of registration
  - Motion to add this to the constitution Lee/Susan
  - Next year, the board will send a tax receipt for any contributions over $25
- The student council has asked for our help in organizing a “safe facebook” evening for parents. Speaker will do 3 talks – 2 during the day to students and one evening presentation to parents. Students will provide more info as to what type of help they require
- Oct 18th is a skills workshop for school council chairs – need to respond by Oct 13th if interested
- Surveys sent out to kids are slowly coming in – encourage your kids to complete these

Action items for next meeting

- Decide on a plaque for the school council scholarship
- Discuss plans for 2010/11

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

LINKS:
School’s Website: [http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/](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](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=SSC000001)

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