

River East Collegiate
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008
6:30 p.m.– Library

1. PROVINCIAL EXAM MARKS

- Mr. Beveridge was asked to check on the provincial exam marks of 2007 and how it compared to the marks of 2008
- marks were very close to being the same

The following is the breakdown of 2008 marks *[Please note that the mark for English is based on the Provincial Exam taken in June (only 57 students wrote this exam in June). The other marks are taken from the January Provincial Exam.]*

	River East Mark	Provincial Average
Precalc Math	74%	72%
Consumer Math	68%	64%
Applied Math	60%	60%

English – *results were below the provincial average but; there were only 57 students for this exam in June*

2. PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

- during SPTC many questions were raised in regards to the new format report card *interim report card*
- Mr. Beveridge explained to the parent council the purpose of the new system in more detail which helped to explain what was happening and why
- the interim report card should come out in the 4th or 5th week of school
- the purpose of the new format is to give the students and the parents a quick over view of how the year is going before the mid term marks are sent out which has the percent grade
- a percentage mark is not given at this time because the teachers have not had enough time to compile enough data re tests, assignments etc, to give an accurate percentage grade of how the student is doing
- the interim report gives a quick look at how the student is progressing without having to assign a percentage grade

The grading of the students is broken down in to two parts:

1. **Performance:** which is based upon tests, assignments, exams is the actual percentage grade given to the student.
2. **Behavior:** example: arrives to class on time/arrives late to class hands in assignments on time/hands in assignments late helps other students in the class/disruptive in class etc

The next report card, which will have a percentage grade, will be handed out November 14th.

Question: *Can the explanation for the interim report be posted on the new web site when it is completed?*

3. OTHER
Sports

- volleyball is in full swing
- basketball is just starting
- girls and boys hockey teams are also in full swing

Halloween Dance

- a special thank you goes out to all the teachers who volunteered their time to help make the dance a huge success
- a great time was had by all

Student Attendance

- if a student misses 5 classes then there is a call from the teacher
- if a student misses 8 classes then a letter and a contract, which must be signed by the parent, is sent home with the student by the teacher
- if a student misses 12 classes then this goes to Mr. Beveridge who will discuss this with the student

T.A. Meetings

- these meetings are mandatory and all students must attend

Question: *Can the school supply bicycle racks for those students who would like to take their bikes to school?* Mr. Beveridge is working on this and he hopes to have the bicycle racks for the Spring of 2009.

Turning Sign

- **Concern:** the turning sign at the east end of the school has a no right hand turn between certain hours of the day
- parents are worried as we feel this rule could lead to an accident.
- Mr. Beveridge will check into this for us

School Sign

- messages on the school sign are moving very quickly
- parents have asked to see if the messages can be slowed down
- Mr. Beveridge will check to see if there is anything they can do

Parent Forum Meeting

- a few of the parents attended this forum last year and felt it was a very good meeting
- concern is that there is not much advertising for this event and as a result many of the parents did not know about this meeting this year or if they saw it they did not know what it was really about.
- Can we ensure that for 2009 more information is brought forward on this event so everyone has a clearer picture of what this meeting has to offer.

Grad Parent Meeting

- Grad Meeting for parents **Wednesday November 12th at 7:00 pm**

Last Question of the night

Mr. Beveridge how has the first two months been for you here at River East?

Mr. Beveridge's response, " **EXCELLENT!** "

Next Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2008