

School Council Meeting Minutes - March 19th 2024

Present:

Keira Yip, Daraius Bharucha, Sara Gupta, Sayema Chowdhury, Shelina Jaffer, Jaclyn Zhang, Hila Draper, Onur Gulsevgi, Shasha Abbas

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Inclusion
- Adoption of Minutes of December 2023 Meeting
- Student Council Report/Update
- School Council Co-chair's Report/Update
- Teachers Report/Update
- Principal's Report/Update
- Seminar Update
- Tech Department - Shops and Classes visit
- Dates for School Council Meetings
- AOB and Adjournment

Inclusion

All participants participated in sharing of highlights of March break in 4-5 words

Adoption of past minutes

- Minutes adopted proposed by Jaclyn and seconded by Onur Gulsevgi

Parent/Caregiver Seminar

– Information shared on hosting a second workshop for parents with guest speaker Vicky Essebag on April 30. Partner schools extended were extended an invitation to attend.

School Council Update

- Recap of semi formal- over 200 attendees
- Upcoming events: puzzle hunt (April 15th-19),
- Birthday Bash (June 7th):
 - Flea Market- % of profits given to charity. Last year \$600 was donated to charity.
 - Carnival Games
 - Performances
 - Athletics

This year 3, 500 CCEL grant has been secured by SAC staff advisors to support Birthday Bash

Teachers' Report

- Drama: students have been working on their own original productions. Theme is "Growth and Resilience"- homegrown show. Two evening shows, May 7th and 8th. Tickets will be available on School Cash Online in April. 2 shows during the day that are free to feeder school.
- Guidance: the 2024/2025 course selection verification has started. March 25th is the last day for any changes in courses.

Principal's Report

- *Safety and conduct with community partners*
Caring and Safe Assemblies run again. Reminders given to students.
Explanation of protocols.
- *Activity Fees*: Really important for the running of events in the school. Please encourage families to pay the fee- it benefits the whole school by supplementing activities. Less than 1/3 of families have paid the activity fee.
- PEAC: Parents, educators, administrators, community symposium- held at the Sheraton. 3 guardians are able to attend. Hila, Onur and ...
- MYSP: Multi year strategic plan. School trustees create a plan that spans several year. Based on the identified priorities, and Directors' Action Plan is created. The schools then create a School Improvement Plan that is developed to set priorities for the school. All families have been sent links to seek input from. Please fill in the form to provide your feedback.
- SIP: On March 7th, 35 staff from all departments and employee groups worked to co-create SIP goals. One goal for Equity, one goal for Assessment and Instruction, one goal for Mental Health and Wellbeing. All members are accountable to these goals and specific look-fors.
- Iftar Dinner: March 27th, 2024. First ever dinner that is held at the end of the day when fasting members who observe fasting during Ramadan. 10 CAD per person and open to all RGSS students and families.
- Caring and Safe School Assemblies- a second round delivered this year and cover topics that are most noted as concerns- vaping, social media, bystander vs upstander, safe reporting.
- Parent Interview Night- March 28th- portal will open for bookings. Email will be sent out for sign up purposes
- OSSLT Spring session will run April 16th and 17th. Around 75 students will write. These students and families will be contacted directly to notify them of eligibility.
- The After School Literacy Program is running after school to support these students.
- In an effort to increase student voice, this year we heard the voices of students in our Nubian club members. They wanted more representation of Black Excellence in our school. In response, we curated a display case of Black Excellence, hosted weekly documentaries on the contributions of Black Canadians to Canada, highlighted Black

Canadians daily on announcements and students presented highlights of Black artists who have influenced them.

School Tour

Mr. Bharucha took participants on a tour of the technology classrooms in the school and highlighted student work. He also highlighted some of the school's efforts to amplify diverse student voices in spaces in the hallways.

AOB and Adjournment

Since there was no other business the meeting adjournment was proposed by Hila Draper and seconded by Jaclyn Zhang

Next Meeting is May 14th- potluck