

# Minutes From School Council

Monday, October 18, 2021

7:00 pm

Richmond Hill High School  
School Council Meeting  
Monday October 18, 2021  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
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AGENDA

TOPIC	PRESENTER	PROCESS	TIME
Land Acknowledgement	Administration	Sharing	3
Welcome and Norms	John/Genessa	Sharing	5
Inclusion	Administration	This or that	5
Student Council	TBD	Sharing	5
From Library to Learning Commons	Jennifer Giffen	Sharing	20
Administrator and Staff Report	Administration	Sharing	20
Treasurer Report	N/A	N/A	1
Board Policies for Review	John/Genessa	<a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Pages/Policies-for-Comment.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Pages/Policies-for-Comment.aspx</a>	1
Focus Presentations	All	Brainstorm	5
New Business	All	Student Council - Representing all Voices Lunch time at RHHS COVID Signage and Announcements	15
Next Meeting	Monday November 15th, 2021		1

Inclusion Activity - Hockey won out over everything

StucCo - Brian Yau

- Working on video about StucCo
- Lottery
- Halloween planning
- Working on Club Fair - which will take place outside - list of clubs on google classrooms - will be shared with parents and many are in-person, some virtual
- Remembrance Day Assembly - history council working with StuCo
- StuCo Google Classroom - invites have been sent to students

Jen (Jennifer) Giffen - Head of Library Learning Commons

Had technology issues to start

- Presented video of learning commons
- Sharing of pre-covid, what has been done during covid and post reopening
- Provided definition of learning commons
- All resources, activities, initiatives, space usage presented

Teacher Report. S. Povakov

- Guidance information
- Grade 9 and 10 day
- OSSLT practice
- Staff vs Student Trivia Challenge
- Peer Mentors
- Club information
- Music Council ran their first event and will be working on pumpkin carving event
- STEAM students working on school garden
- Number of clubs - business speaker club, board game club, psychology club, business case club

Admin Report

- OUAC and OCAS dates
- Full disclosure - due to full disclosure date and transmission date - students will have to drop courses by Nov 18
- Teachers grade 11 and 12 will be getting marks by Nov 15
- Reminder to keep up efforts in second half of semester 2 to maintain marks for post secondary
- Assessment and Evaluation - no formal exam period for semester 1 and 2, we are still waiting for memo from board regarding the 5 exam days
- Clubs have contract tracing through attendance taking - club fair coming this Friday

Interim reports - To be sent out Oct 20-22, accessed thorough a student's gapps account

Parents' Night Nov 3- schedules opened up Oct 18 to book appointments, if can't book an appointment, please contact the teacher.

Take our Kids to high school - Nov 3 - Virtual orientation for our feeder school grade 8 students to become familiar with RHHS and all the programs we have to offer

Tak our Kids to Work - Nov 3 for grade 9 students. Grade 9 students will not have classes that day. They have the option to either go job shadow arranged by their parent/guardians or they can join a live stream offered by the learning partnership to support pathway planning

OSSLT practice and workshop being offered

School council forums - Nov 17 5:30-8:30pm

Treasurer Report

- We still do not have our funds

- Today school talked about department budgets
- School council money is not out till after Oct 31

#### Board Policies for Review

- How school community member can give feedback to board policy
- Click on live link and it will take you through the process

#### Group Brainstorm

- Focus presentations: shared topics from last year
- Adding destreaming, school programs and academics to the list
- Purpose of destreaming

#### New Business

- Student Council - Representing all Voices
  - We have been collecting data regarding student engagement
  - Many students not engaged in what is happening in student council
  - Researched and presented a different way to approach student council
  - Alternative was lottery in - research collected - allows for diverse voices to being heard vs the same students being chosen in student council which leads to things being done the same way.
  - Several meetings with Board research, leadership development (SO), meeting with school SO, associated director(s), directors, trustee and student trustee - after meeting with researcher we have decided to move forward with the pilot
  - Student engagement has been increased by 3-folds, diversity of students is very diverse
  - We still need to elect grade reps to be in compliance with the constitution. However, the student council wants to move on from this.
  - Measure success of this pilot - through data collection to see how activities and student engagement changes (quantitative and qualitative data)
  - Design thinking with the StuCo - to consider diverse ways to represent their concerns and issues with the adults in the building
- Lunch time at RHHS
  - 1500 students and staff same lunch
  - Students can eat anywhere in the hall, cafeteria, lunch
  - We can only have one lunch as students can only have 2 classes per day
- COVID Signage and Announcements
  - More signage in the school - discuss with parents and students - social distance students are ignoring - very crowded
  - Have social distance signs and announcements to remind students at lunch
  - Remind students about social distancing