



# Richmond Hill High School School Council Meeting

May 15, 2017  
7:00 – 9:00 PM  
2nd floor, Library

## ----- Minutes of Meeting -----

Presentation/ Discussion Topic	Presenter/Description	Notes/Action
1. Welcome	Kathy	7:07 pm
2. Approval of January Minutes	Approved	To be posted on school website
3. Inclusion	Sandy and Kathy  Activity: Think/Pair Share...  What has been the highlight from your School Council experience? OR If it is your first time at Council, what brings you here tonight?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn about school and happenings, events and activities.</li> <li>- Learn new info to share with kids.</li> <li>- Meet with admin and school staff.</li> <li>- Good environment... parents interested in child's education.</li> <li>- Different from elementary council.</li> <li>- Realize language barriers for many parents – bridge between parents and school, parent engagement.</li> <li>- Learn what is taught in classroom.</li> <li>- Course selection, school systems.</li> <li>- Good organization, website info helpful.</li> <li>- Admin to learn what focus is for parents, learn from parent perspective.</li> </ul>
4. Student Council	Adam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Executive elections</li> <li>- Grade elections happening soon</li> <li>- School spirit activities... Cafeteria – events every Friday... i.e. Karaoke, etc.</li> <li>- Carnival event Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>... games, rides, food, physical games, etc..... tickets/ride all day pass i.e. \$8, during school day</li> </ul>
Fundraising for School Breakfast Program	Students: Faranak, Nasim, Arshia	<p>Endeavour to raise funds for school's breakfast program... fundraiser: Fresh From The Farm... families to purchase Ontario-grown produce... \$13/15 per bundle... 40% return for school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- # of students benefiting from program increasing</li> <li>- Need to find ways to sustain program</li> <li>- Currently collaborating with other clubs for extra help</li> <li>- School volunteers work very hard... every morning and after school preparing</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asking Council for marketing and moral support</li> </ul>
5. Administrator & Teacher Report	VP: P. Ruytenbeek Guidance: A. Wasserman	<p>Refer to school website &amp; calendar for upcoming events and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 17... Sounds of Spring concert... Mr. Henry head of music department retiring.</li> <li>- June 15/16... gr.9 EQAO Math... 5% of mark towards student's final grade.</li> <li>- June 20-27... exam period except on Mon June 26 Diamond Day NO exams.</li> <li>- Exam schedule will be available soon.</li> <li>- 36 RHHS DECA club students attended DECA competition in Anaheim, CA, USA in April... 19,000 students from all over US, Canada, Germany, S. Korea, China... results for RHHS groups... 2 finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place worldwide, 1 in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 1 in 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 in 8<sup>th</sup>... Congratulations to all RHHS students!... Ontario typically does well, lots of awards</li> </ul> <p>Summer school registration ongoing.            International languages courses for fall... registration ongoing .</p>
6. PRO Grant Update and Reminder for May 24	Jacky	<p>April 6 – Workshop 1... thank you to parents for volunteering</p> <p>May 24 – Workshop 2... <i>Surviving Your Adolescents</i>...online registration ongoing</p> <p>Need to increase marketing to feeder schools... Council to reach out to other school councils, school to advertise on school sign, email and telephone to community, include info in newsletter</p> <p>Evaluation for 2016-2017 PRO Grant activities will be completed and submitted by Angela after workshop 2... thank you Angela</p> <p>2017-2018 PRO Grant application has already submitted with the following topic “Teens and social relationships and parental relationships” based on Dotmocracy results... thank you Emily</p>
7. Dotmocracy Results	Kathy Dotmocracy activity held last meeting... to determine topics for 2017-2018 PRO Grant and Focus Presentations	<p>Dotmocracy results in order of greatest to least interest... thank you to Kathy's son Jordan for tabulating results...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Course Selection</li> <li>- Marijuana &amp; Alcohol</li> <li>- Balanced Lifestyle</li> <li>- Teen Relationships</li> <li>- Technology</li> <li>- Personal Privacy and Parental Control</li> </ul>
8. Focus Presentation for October 2017		Mr. Wasserman will plan workshop for October 2017 Council meeting on Career Cruising and Course

Meeting		Selection, Advanced Placement courses, and scholarships ...carousel/symposium style
9. Treasurer's Report	Florence	<p>PRO grant money to be spent first, then expenses can be claimed to a maximum of \$1,000 approved grant for this year.</p> <p>Currently \$1,000 balance in Council account... \$500 from the Board's Parent Engagement Fund, and \$500 from the Board for School Council operating expenses.</p> <p>Council already approved spending of \$60 for PRO Grant workshop refreshments. Also, Council approved spending of \$750 (\$250x3) on Council Awards for graduating students... however we need to clarify if okay to use the above funds for these purposes... administration will check on limitations to usage of current Council funds.</p> <p>Co-chairs Sandy and Kathy suggested donating \$190 (balance of Council funds after expenditures) to supporting the Breakfast program... Council vote: <b>all in favor</b> to support the RHHS Breakfast Program of \$190 <u>only if clarification from administration allows Council to spend its money in this manner.</u></p>
10. Parent Symposium	Emily	<p>March 29/17 Parent Symposium "Parent Voice Matters"... hosted by YRDSB and PEAC (Parent Engagement Advisory Committee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 sessions, offering 20 workshops</li> <li>- Over 700 parents in attendance, plus close to 100 volunteers and Board staff</li> <li>- Video and live stream still available on Board website</li> <li>- Working with parents to support their children</li> <li>- Parent involvement and engagement</li> <li>- Meeting needs of today's students and prepare them for the future they will be entering</li> <li>- Parent feedback very important</li> <li>- 3 M's... math, modern learning, and mental health</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.odd-sox.org">www.odd-sox.org</a></p> <p>Reminder to complete YRDSB Parent Survey... May 1-19... available in 11 languages on paper, English only online</p>
11. School Improvement Plan	Principal Sandy Haliburton VPs: P. Rutenbeek, R. Cotey, S. Mitchell	<p>SIP reviewed in context of Board's Improvement Plan for Student Achievement... see: <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca">www.yrdsb.ca</a>... Board Priorities, also see school website for RHHS SIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many voices, including student data</li> <li>- 3 M's... 5 year evolving plan</li> <li>- Council welcome to provide input into SIP</li> </ul>
12. Board Policies for Review		<p>Parents reminded that YRDSB Policies for review are available on the board website.</p> <p>Any parent can provide input on these policies</p>

/Policy/Pages/Policies-for-Comment.aspx		through the school council.
13. New Business		No new business or parking lot questions
14. Next Meeting	New date... September 18, 2017	<p>Thank you to all council members for your participation.</p> <p>Thanks to Sandy and Kathy for a wonderful job in your roles as Co-Chairs.</p> <p>Thank you to administrators and staff for supporting the Council and for your contribution to meetings.</p> <p>Approval of minutes will be conducted on Survey Monkey instead of waiting till September meeting.</p> <p>See Council meeting agendas for 2017-2018 meeting dates.</p>