



Richmond Hill High School School Council Meeting

November 27, 2017

7:00 – 9:00 PM

2nd floor, Library

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

Presentation/ Discussion Topic	Description	Action
1. Welcome	Kathy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to council • Adjustments to agenda with student and Science team presentations 	
2. Student Council	Vivian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on upcoming school events 	
3. Guidance Analysis Program	Student Presentation (Felix, Adi, Vincent, Misha) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance analysis in-progress on post-secondary choices for students 	
4. STEAM Cohort	RHHS Science Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHHS to initiate STEAM Pilot Project in 2018-2019 for Grade 9 students • RHHS is very academic but not strong in hands-on skills • PBL: problem-based learning or project-based learning (• Grade 8's will need to complete an application for the Gr. 9 program • Selection process includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - marks & application - teacher recommendation - design challenge competition • STEAM program is open course – applied and academic • Already launched in Vaughan and Peel districts 	STEAM Presentation at RHHS Open House on Jan 11 6:30pm
5. Administrator and Teacher's Report	Debbie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$307,000 budget from Board for improvements in classrooms, technology, black to white boards, filing system, library 	Debbie and Kathy to draft next School Council

	<p>furniture, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8's visit last month • Gr. 9 Bring Your Child to Work Day • Cafeteria renovation on sound system still in progress to be ready for One-Act Plays • Gym caged LCDs to be mounted on ceiling with installation within the next month or two <p><u>SHSM (Specialist High Skills Majors)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSM is a specialized, ministry-approved program that allows students to focus their learning on apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace, while meeting requirements of OSSD. • RHHS already has SHSM for Health & Wellness and Non-profit Sectors • RHHS to apply for Business Sector and Information, Communication & Technology Sector • RHHS wants to engage students early through programs such as STEAM and SHSM • SHSM Funding by Ministry of Education; anyone can apply for SHSM • SHSM focus: (1) one-time co-op experience in Grade 11 or 12; (2) reach-aheads (such as certification in customer service, first aid, CPR, etc.) • DECA – Business reach ahead membership program focused on experiential learning, conferences and competitions • QUESTION: Who is SHSM for? <u>RESPONSE:</u> Mostly for post-secondary bound-students; supplemental to application • QUESTION: How do students apply for SHSM? <u>RESPONSE:</u> Fill out application; Refer to Ms Tamika, SHSM Student Council • QUESTION: Do students have to do extra courses? What is the additional course load? <u>RESPONSE:</u> No additional work; each SHSM has a defined bundle of Gr. 11 & 12 credits, including co-op experience • QUESTION: Is it too late for Gr. 11 students 	agenda
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	<p>to apply now? <u>RESPONSE:</u> It may not be too late because some of the required course are part of the same program; also summer co-op is available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QUESTION: How about AP program equivalent to SHSM courses? <u>RESPONSE:</u> SHSM courses part of ICT • ICT Pathway Chart shared with council 	
6. Website Calendar Tour	<p>Robert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-Act Plays Dec 7 & 8 Evenings • Holidays Dec 25 – Jan 5 • Jan 11: Grade 8 Information Night 6:30pm • Jan 15 – 24: EQAO Math • Jan 25 -31 Exams • Feb 1: Review Day • Feb 2: PA Day • Feb 3: Second Semester Begins 	
7. EQAO Math Results	<p>Robert</p> <p><u>ACADEMIC COURSE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHHS Academic 94% at or above standard • RHHS=94%; Board=90%; Prov=84% <p><u>APPLIED COURSE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHHS Applied 62% • RHHS=62%; Board=49%; Prov=46% • 6% improvement for applied students • Math department works hard to continue momentum to make sure applied students feel supported 	
8. Pathways Fair	<p>Alan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful colleges and universities fair held last week • 800 students and parents in attendance • Feedback form available via QR code 	
9. School Climate Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of 1700 participants • 800/1300 Grades 10, 11, 12 surveyed about school culture with 156 questions • Results of survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health: pressure, anxiety 	<p>January School Council Meeting to assess data & get feedback from council (parents)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevancy of learning to everyday lives (are students engaged?) - Males & females – females don't feel as confident as male students (*Area of concern) • During a scheduled PA Day, staff to investigate why students feel this way* → each staff to bring in one student focused on one area; student will be invited to staff meeting to encourage student voice / dialogue 	
10. 1:1 Digital Technology Program	<p>Robert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New program beginning next year for Gr. 9's • Technology for every student in Gr. 9 (computer or tablet) based on idea that people work better in groups • Purpose to improve student learning environment and teach students to use technology properly and to be digitally literate and safe • RHHS has decided to embrace student usage of technology • RHHS wants to be ahead, only 4 schools using 1:1 Program • RHHS needs open communication with parents (community partnership) • YRDSB adopted GAPPS (Google Apps) platform for collaborative learning environment anywhere • For 1:1 Digital Technology Program: only primary devices with processing power to be used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptops: Notebooks, Net books, laptops - Tablets: Ipad, Ipad Mini, Google Nexus (keyboard attachment strongly recommended) - Cellphones NOT a primary device • QUESTION: Do students have access to internet during class? <u>RESPONSE:</u> Yes, however, students get distracted regardless of internet access; Some websites / social media cannot be accessed by students • QUESTION: What about students who can't afford technology? <u>RESPONSE:</u> 1:1 Program is 100% inclusive; Device lending available for 	

	<p>the school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other notes: DELL has payment plan; Use primary device with good battery life; This is a cloud-based program , so no need for purchasing other programs 	
11. Treasurer Report	<p>Florence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0 balance 	
12. October Minutes Approval	Approved - quorum	
13. Subcommittees: Focus Presentations, PRO Grant, & School Council Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittees to still be formed January meeting to have Focus Presentation based on School Climate Data Results PRO Grant Event date to be determined 	
14. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions regarding AP students at St. Theresa receiving 5% bonus School Council Forum Briefing during January meeting 	<p>Debbie to investigate</p> <p>Alice, Emily, Katrina, Joyce to share</p>
15. Next Meeting	January 15, 2018 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Library	

2017-2018 Meeting Dates

September 18, 2017
January 22, 2018

October 23, 2017
March 26, 2018

November 27, 2017
May 28, 2018 Presentation/Discussion