



Richmond Hill High School School Council Meeting

September 19, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 PM

2nd floor, Library

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Presentation/ Discussion Topic	Presenter	Action
1. Welcome and Norms	Hillary and Sandy S <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to council and the process 	
2. Inclusion	Aline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents introduce themselves 	
3. Student Council	Adam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to student activities 	
4. Approval of May minutes	Hillary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May minutes approved 	To be posted to School Council section of school website
5. School Council Dates, Roles and Responsibilities and Nominations	Hillary and Sandy S <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of the school councils Nominate and elect new council role <p>2016-2017 Council:</p> <p>Sandy Sokol co-chair Kathy Asmono co-chair Florence Fan treasurer Adriana Zubiri secretary</p> <p>24 general members</p>	
6. Administrator & Teacher's Report	Administration and Teacher representation Aline Daniel, Acting Principal; Paul Ruytenbeek, VP; Rob Cotey, VP; Alan Wasserman, Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Went through the school calendar for important dates (found in the school 	

	<p>website under News & Events)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce coming Ontario University Fair Sep 23-25 (http://www.ouf.ca/), Ontario College Fair Oct 17-18 (http://www.ocif.ca/) and the RHHS Pathways Fair Nov 16 at the school. • Questions answered regarding the student accounts. All students have one universal account given by the board. 	
7. Treasurer Report	<p>Wendy Wu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 balance • Pro Grant \$1000 approved and available • Expect to receive \$500 from school board 	
8. School Council Sub-Committees – School Council Award, Focus Presentations, PRO Grant	<p>Hillary and Sandy S</p> <p>Main Subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Presentations: potential topics available from input provided prior school year; subcommittee to prioritize and select • Pro Grant Presentation: \$1000 already granted to bring in speaker. This year focus is mental health and parent engagement. Specific topic to be finalized • Parent Council Student Award for Grade 12 students : Award \$250 each to 2 students, if criteria met. Criteria is two years old. Council can determine if a review is required this year. • Link to awards criteria: http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx • School Council Constitution will be 2 years old in the spring and up for review 	<p>Next meeting will divide into subcommittees for Focus Presentations, Pro Grant.</p> <p>Awards sub-committee set up in late winter.</p> <p>TBD if sub-committee required</p>
9. New Business	<p>Members at large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: Can Gym be a mandatory for G11? A: That is decided by the Ministry of Education and not decided by the school so no changes can be made. • Q: Concerns about the quality and prices 	

	<p>of cafeteria food A: The provider has a contract at the York Region level. The service provider manager is very friendly and we encourage reaching out and discussing concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: Period 1 and 5 lunch is problematic A: We agree but given number of students in the building we need to maximize the building space. Student can discuss with teacher if they need to eat a snack or take a few minutes break. • Q: Course changes were a concern this year A: There were 800 requests that needed to be handled when the year started and the staff is doing their best and working through the list. We are opening new classes and still hiring teachers, soon to complete this process. • Q: What kind of help is there for grade 9 new students? A: We had orientation day, Green Acres camp day and many clubs. If there are still concerns in the next few weeks about students integrating into the community, then call the guidance department to get some help. There is also a student success group that can assist. • Q: When will we get the updated clubs information and can students register online? A: Student council will have it ready soon, we do daily announcements and put this into the twitter feed. Newsfeed on school TVs broadcast in a loop. No online registering at this time. • Q: Any chance new students can be turned away if they live in the area? A: no, we do our best to add people. We are closed to transfers from other areas though. 	
10. Wrap Up/Next Meeting	October 17, 2016, 7 to 9 pm in the Library	

2016-2017 Meeting Dates

September 19, 2016
January 23, 2017

October 17, 2016
April 24, 2017

November 21, 2016
May 15, 2017