

RHHS School Council Meeting

All in Full attendance:

- ☐ Co-Chair Lei Hong -
- ☐ Co-Chair Mukesh Gautam -
- ☐ Secretary: Alifiya Kanchwala
- ☐ Treasurer: Sarah Lee
- ☐ Voting Members :
- ☐ Sally Ni
- ☐ Angela Yau
- ☐ Xiyi Feng
- ☐ Patricia Wan-Chow-Wah
- ☐ Mahta Mirbagheri
- ☐ Christine (Yao) Chen
- ☐ Emma Zhang
- ☐ Hava Jouharchi
- ☐ Angela Spiro

- Land acknowledgment
- Truth and reconciliation day:
  - 20-30 mins per period. Activities planned by all departments for students
  - Ex: important to continue to do this work on a daily basis
  - Equity and indigenous education requisite
- School council Norms - Mukesh
  - Organization, Time Management, Active Participation, Listen, Respect.
  - Will only show headings in future meetings and keep them handy for quick reminders
- September meeting minutes
  - move to approve - Alifiya
  - Seconded - Mahta
  - All voting members - approve
- This or That game for all participants
- RHHS Student council report
  - Brian- president.; Eileen- VP; Lin- social communer
  - Club fair was a success
  - Made a lot of money in food sale fundraisers.
  - Semi tickets sold out within 48 hrs
  - For students who weren't able to participate this time, they will try to organize something more affordable and accessible for everyone
  - HalloWeek: 21st-31st Oct. Every day of the week council members run different events for students. Like Photo booth, Pumpkin Carving, Haunted House. During and after school activities.

- Since the cafeteria is closed, the Student Council is trying to arrange fundraisers for food with vendors - every Thursday during lunch. \$7 subway sandwich with drink.
- Student Engagement: Jen Giffen - head of Library Learning Commons
  - Flexible seating and learning spaces
  - White boards for student collaboration
  - TVs, students tend to hook up and play chess on them
  - Balcony is frequented
  - Plants
  - Makerspace - puzzles, Poetry, origami, lego, robotics
  - Board Games
  - Food at lunch
  - Word of the day
  - Daily Would you Rather game
  - Green screen studio
  - Recording equipment
  - Art on display
  - Partnerships with class lessons
  - Book / displays on fun and factual stuff going on , topics of discussion, events and holidays
  - Community partnerships and with rhpl
  - Reading clubs and diversity
  - Student advisory board
  - Mental wellness workshops, ex: therapy dogs during exam time
  - Contests
  - Student clubs meet here
  - Strong digital presence
  - Awareness
  - Lots of books of different genres that interest kids
  - A space for students to decompress
- Budget cuts have caused librarians to not be available for all 5 periods. Let's vote for a trustee that encourages / endorses the importance of a teacher librarian
- Student Engagement: 77 Clubs - the most # of clubs. Clubs need to have a staff member advisor, be a unique idea and school appropriate? to be official. They get a budget. Competition fees. Generally after school M-F. Will soon have a comprehensive list of times and locations for all.
- Student Engagement: Sports Teams
  - Soccer, volleyball, Basket Ball, Cross Country, Tennis, Rugby. 4-5 seasons?
  - Highly skilled and trained Coaches and community volunteers regulate the safety of students on the field/court.
  - Still working on how much it costs - school can't subsidize the entire cost. ~7% dedicated to transportation. Costs have gone up and there is a labor shortage - hence, there is a struggle to find reasonable cost transportation. Ex: to go to Keswick for one team used to be 5-600 , now its 7-800. Adds up with several teams and several games and seasons .
  - Suggestion: parents volunteers to drive students. Challenge: liability
  - Athletic council, fitness room.
  - Question/Idea from audience- sponsorship or promotion like ads on jerseys?

- Not allowed because we are a public school. Can only mention names of volunteers in weekly bulletin. Personal donations are permitted, but recognition only in the form of tax receipts
- Question:- Safety/security around about coaching?
  - All volunteers have to have a police clearance
- Q- when does Math club start
  - Follow on IG
- Student Engagement:- How do we improve/enhance student Engagement at the school. Brainstorm ideas:
  - Meet up/ social club for students who are shy / quiet/new/havent found a group
  - Competitions between homerooms to encourage participation from students
  - Suggestion - one day a week , no mobile phones / off. Response: hence why we are coming up with these ideas of how to engage them to not need cell phones
  - Sports/intramurals during lunch hours
  - Give more title roles to members of the clubs to encourage involvement and interaction.
  - Opportunities for all students to play sports, more casually - not just the teams that accept such a small number
  - Anti-social social club - for those that dont have a club yet
  - Use phones to interact in activities
  - Suggestion: Paid tutoring positions? - response: there is a tutoring club, and students can get volunteer hours for that
  - Clubs for students and parents. Family club: games, movie nights, paint nite. Response: We have the school every tuesday night for our use - school council can also try to organize such evenings .

#### TEACHER REPORTS:

- Sean Pomakov: Head of English
  - Clubs running everyday after school
  - Board game, poetry slam, poetry in the park, spyglass magazine, writing lab, D&D club psychology
  - French francophone board game event + T shirt contest
  - Guidance - post secondary fair.
  - Science: STEAM classes donated ~300 to orange shirt society
  - Athletic council: athletes of the month
  - Visual Arts: art gallery trips, kathy morgan workshop
  - Music: welcome day, band workshop, music alumni concert. Nov 8th - concert. Pumpkin carving event
- Debbie Linkewich: Principal
  - Key dates for children graduating this yr
  - Full disclosure: nov 29th. Children must drop any courses they dont want grades to go on to universities by Nov 16th. After 29th, all marks get disclosed.
  - Assessment and evaluation - exams resume this yr

- Last few weeks in January are very challenging for students. Requirement is that the final 30% culminating activity be in the last ?\_\_\_ days of the course.
  - One exam a day. Day 1 - period 1 classes exams, Day 2 - period 2 classes exams..... If a student doesn't have a class on a certain period, they don't have to come to school for that day during exam week.
- Paul Ruytenbeek -VP
  - Interim reports: sent out electronically oct 20
  - Midterm report cards on nov 22
  - First half of this semester ends on nov 9th
- Helen Ho - VP
  - Take our kids to high school and take our kids to work is on same day Nov 2nd. No regular classes
  - Health and safety: 1 fire drill done. 2 more scheduled. 1 more held by fire department. Lock down and hold and secure successfully done
- Tamara Gord - VP
  - Oct 20 : TeachAssist parent teacher interviews also open up. Actual meetings are on OCt 27th
  - OSSLT: literacy test can be offered in Fall. Nov 24th and a second date in Dec 1st. - working on some after school support programs in prep.
  - After school literacy and numeracy programs oct 18-nov 17 to prep for Gr 9 eqao too
- Treasurer Report - N/A.
- Opportunity to check policies up for review
- Group Brainstorm: topics for focus presentations
- Next meeting: Nov 21st.