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Richmond Hill High School School Council Meeting

OCTOBER 16, 2023

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Period	Focus of the Period	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Richmond Hill High School				
		Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5
1	Building Knowledge and Capacity	<p>Moderns:</p> <p>What is privilege and what does it have to do with me?</p> <p>(feel free to skip some videos and select which part you want to show !)</p> <p>Activity of privilege</p>	Geography	Secret Path	CS Department: Inuit Numeral System	Visual Art Indigenous Artists Kahoot
2	Learning, Teaching and Assessment	<p>Family Studies:</p> <p>Indigenous Chefs - Colonization and Resistance</p>	Student Services (Slide Activity #1)	History: (UNDRIP)	English: Hall of Heroes	Tech Studies Designing Our World
3/4	Disrupting Oppression	<p>Coop-LLC-ELL</p> <p>10 songs that help us better understand Canada's history of residential schools</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Indigenous Artist of the Day (activity to be introduced on Sept 30, but one (or more!) song(s) a day can be presented all throughout October)</p>	<p>2023 Alt. Ed - Who are you not?</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FOmCPH1bM4cQv84WASe--BjD_XSeIXYwSnNAzOAJL2g/edit?usp=drivesdk</p>	Math Grandmother and Grandson - Language	Business: Indigeneity Through an Asset-Based Lens
5	Engaging Families, Guardians & Communities	Guidance	Break students into small groups to complete 1 activity	Student Services (Slide Activity # 2)	Drama: Inuit values and Beliefs at RHHS Reflective Jamboard	Student Services (Slide Activity # 3)

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that we are on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island. To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Agenda



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 School Council Meeting
 Monday October 16, 2023
 7:00 - 8:45 pm
 IN THE LIBRARY

AGENDA

TOPIC	PRESENTER	PROCESS	TIME
Land Acknowledgement	Administration	Sharing	5
Welcome/Norms, Review of Minutes	Mei/Shobhit	Sharing	5
Inclusion	Administration	TBD	5
Student Council		Sharing	5
School Council Survey Completion	All	Review YRDSB School Council survey and complete as a group	20
School Council Visioning	All	Develop goals and actions for the upcoming council meetings	20
Administrator and Staff Report	Administration Sean Pomakov	Sharing	20
Treasurer Report	N/A	N/A	1
Board Policies for Review	Lei/Mukesh	https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/policies-procedures/guideline-policy-and-procedure-review	1
New Business	All	Parking Lot	5
Next Meeting	Monday November 20th, 2023		

RHHS School Council Norms

We, the School Council at Richmond Hill Secondary School agree to the following operating norms in an effort to keep our meetings on track and productive.

ORGANIZATION:

- ▶ Agenda to be prepared ahead of time and made available on the school website
- ▶ Draft meeting minutes to be posted on the school website
- ▶ Hybrid meetings

TIME MANAGEMENT:

- ▶ Arrive on time
- ▶ Start and end on time
- ▶ Follow agenda items and allotted time
- ▶ Stay on topic
- ▶ Complete assigned action plans on time
- ▶ Send email to all families of School Council Agenda



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ACTIVE PARTICIPATION:

- ▶ Attend regularly
- ▶ Review agenda prior to the meeting
- ▶ Review previous meeting minutes prior to the meeting
- ▶ Contribute ideas to discussions
- ▶ Embrace spirit of volunteering
- ▶ Follow through on commitments
- ▶ Action items follow-up



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LISTEN:

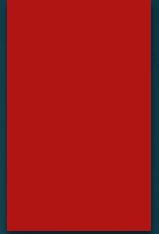
- ▶ Listen when others are speaking
- ▶ One person talks at a time



RESPECT:

- ▶ Promote a welcoming and friendly environment
- ▶ Everyone's suggestions and opinions are valued and respected
- ▶ Provide opportunity for all voices to be heard
- ▶ Should apply to email discussions and language used in emails
- ▶ Use name cards at meetings

Approval of Minutes



Inclusion



Rock, Paper, Scissors....

Who will be the CHAMPION?

RHHS
Student
Council
Report





Lesson!

- ↳ What was good/bad
- ↳ Candy at end (good)
- ↳ Lights (good + bad)
- ↳ Shifts needed
- ↳

Barrier Ideas

□ = Barrier

□ = Area

○ = Jumpscene & People Sp



School Council Survey

Discussion Questions



What goals do we envision for this year's School Council?

What are the ways that we could enhance Student and Family Engagement at RHHS?

Staff Report

Sean Pomakov- Subject Head of English

English

Poetry Slam Club - every Tuesday after school (1062)

Spyglass Magazine - every Tuesday after school (1061)

Writing Lab - every Wednesday after school (1061)

Board Games/D&D - every Wednesday after school (1059)

ESL

ESL Cafe - October 26th, after school, Room 2006

Visual Arts

MTM College Animation Workshop - October 25th

One of a Kind Art Show and Sale- November 28th

Dee Douglas Mural Project - Every Friday (9's and 12's)

Pizza Club - After school, October 19th

Make pizza with legendary Pizzaiolo Luigi Leggieri

Greenhouse Club

Meets after school every Monday & Friday. Students will be working together in our outdoor garden, weeding, harvesting and doing maintenance. Tomatoes have been harvested and shared with breakfast programs and foods classes. We will be planting crops for next year very soon

Family Studies

Family Studies Council - Every other Wednesday, Room 1014
Canning and Preserves Workshop - After school, October 26th

Athletic Teams

Varsity Girls Basketball

Varsity Boys Soccer

Senior Boys Rugby 7's

Senior & Junior Boys Volleyball

Senior & Junior Tennis

Senior, Junior & Novice Cross Country

Music

Pumpkin Carving Event - October 30th

Toronto Symphony Orchestra Trip - October 31st

Gold Band UWO Music Clinic - October 31st

RHHS Concert - November 7th

with Moraine Hills & Crosby Heights

Mackenzie Health Fundraising Concert - November 13th

RHHS, RGHS, AMHS, BSS @ RHCPA

Holiday Serenade Concert @ RHCPA - December 4th

Features all RHHS Music Ensembles

Best Buddies Club

is a charity organization that pairs students in our special needs classes with another student friend in order to build a more inclusive school community with social connections

Science

Physics Club - Every Wednesday after school in Room 2044

Math

Peer Tutors - Lunch time in Room 2023

Lots of Math Contests - Registration is occurring now - Check out the Math Google Site for more information

COMC - October 26th

CIMC - TBD November

CSMC - TBD November

AMC - TBD November

After School Numeracy Program - Oct. - Dec.

Administrator Report

Debbie Linkewich - Principal

- OUAC / OCAS
- Full Disclosure
- Course Catch Up Day
- Assessment and Evaluation
- Clubs and Activities at RHHS
- Progrant
- School Council Forum

Paul Ruytenbeek – Vice Principal

- Student photos and student cards

Helen Ho - Vice Principal

- Take our Kids to High School - Nov 1
- Take our Kids to Work - Nov 1
- Interim Report Cards - Sent out electronically Oct 17/18
- Midterm Report Cards - Sent out electronically Nov 20-22
- Grade 8 Open House - Nov 23

Tamara Gord - Vice Principal

- Student Progress Meetings - Oct 26
- OSSLT
- After School Literacy and Numeracy Program

LINKEWICH

OUAC / OCAS

- November 18 - Semester I midterm marks transmission to OUAC/OCAS
- February 16 - Semester I final marks to OUAC/OCAS
- April 28 - Semester II midterm marks transmission to OCAS
- April 27 - Semester II midterm marks transmission to OUAC
- July 5 - Semester II final marks to OUAC
- July 6 - Semester II final marks to OCAS

Full Disclosure

- official date is November 29 BUT students in grade 11 and 12 must drop a course by November 16 so that it is not included in OUAC/OCAS mark upload

Assessment and Evaluation

- Exams resume this year
- 70% term work - 30% summative assessment - consistent by course
- Exams are Jan 24 - Jan 30 - regular classes are not in session

Clubs and Activities at RHHS

- clubs run mostly after-school
- club fair a great success
- club budgets will be provided to students - monies received through Activity Fee

PRO Grant 101:

Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant)

Background and Purpose

- The Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant program provides funding to school boards to support projects for parents and families that focus on improving access and opportunities to participate and engage fully in their children's learning.
- These grants will support families in school communities in identifying barriers and opportunities to strengthen parent-family engagement in their local communities and enable more parents-caregivers to support their child's learning and well-being.
- All YRDSB schools are eligible to submit ONE project proposal.

PRO GRANT PROJECTS - Centered in

YRDSB's Director's Action Plan Goals

- Foster Well-Being and Mental Health
- Champion Equity and Inclusivity
- Provide Effective Instruction and Assessment
- Build Collaborative Relationships
- Empower Ethical Leadership



PRO Grant Application Process

<h2>Criteria - Considerations</h2>	<h2>Ineligible Project Costs^X</h2>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Purpose: Clear, details provided, aligned with Ministry commitments, aligned with YRDSB priorities● Outcomes: Specific goals and measurable impact of project, aligned with Ministry commitments, aligned with YRDSB priorities● Budget: provides specific breakdown, connects directly with the description, supports Ministry commitments and YRDSB priorities, meets guidelines of PRO Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Payment to school board staff/volunteers including salaries, honoraria or gifts;● Purchase of good and services that the Ministry currently provides funding for● Entertainment activities such as barbecues, fun fairs, volunteer teas, movie nights, etc;● Refreshments cost over 10%● Prizes or incentives for parents or students● Fundraising events● <u>Other ineligible costs are identified in the Board memo to Administrators</u>

PRO Grant Areas of Focus in YRDSB

Creating identity affirming schools and communities

In at least one of the following areas:

- Addressing social inclusion, racism, hate and discrimination toward racialized and marginalized groups
- Supporting identity affirming, culturally responsive and healing centered mental health strategies
- Engaging parent and community voices, in particular those voices of historically marginalized groups
- Knowledge building for parents on the opportunities for students in a de-streamed classroom and/or a comprehensive literacy program

PRO Grant Project Timelines

After connecting with School-Community Partners, one member of the team will complete the [2023-24 PROGrant Application Form](#) on behalf of the group.

Schools & School Councils will first review criteria (PRO Grant Memo) and then create a project proposal to apply for the PRO Grant of a maximum of \$800.00

Application Deadline	Submit this application for review and approval at their earliest convenience to ensure the funds can be used this school year
Proposal Results Communicated to School Principal	Ongoing: dependent on application submission date
Project Completion Date	By Friday, June 14, 2024.
Submission of the 2023-24 PROGrant Report of Actual Costs	Due upon completion of the PROGrant Project or at the latest by the last day of school in the current year.

Special Note



Special Note! Please...DO NOT use School Generated Funds (SGF) to make any PROGrant purchases as SGF CANNOT be reimbursed using Operating or Ministry funds!

All expenses need to be represented in the school's PRO-Grant budget line.

PRO Grant - Examples

Practical Strategies for Reducing Stigma and Engaging in Allyship

Working collaboratively with community partners and agencies to develop a series of workshops to understand the importance of Allyship and Solidarity when addressing issues of racism, bullying, mental health concerns

Online Safety at Home

Educating and Empowering Parents re social media safety re social networking and online safety

Mental Health Parent Engagement Evening

The School Council used the funds to sponsor a parent information session on student mental health and well-being. Developing strategies for parents and families on how to develop and support resilience and emotional well-being in their children.

Partnering to Support Mental Health & Well Being Through Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive Practices

Working collaboratively with parents-families to notice and name stress and trauma due to racism and oppression (healing informed, culturally responsive)

Teaching-Learning Destraining in our schools

This 3-part learning series included educators, community partners, and subject matter experts from the school community discussing ways to increase financial literacy skills at home and at school

All the best with your project!

If you have any questions please
contact

leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca.



School Council Forum

Central School Council Forum

Wednesday, October 25th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Richmond Hill High School.

3 members (for Secondary) of your School Council to attend

[REGISTRATION LINK](#) – Please register by Tuesday October 17.

Submit a registration form for each person attending including the school administrator.

Plenary session:

- Active School Travel

Breakout sessions:

- Comprehensive Literacy Program
- Use of Online Digital Tools and Privacy
- The Revised School Council Handbook
- Managing Stress and Supporting Well-Being
- Supporting Students with their Transition to High School

RUYTENBEEK

Health and Safety


- Fire Drills - Completed two for this semester. We will be having our next two one next week on Nov 8.
- Lock Down and Bomb Threat had in Sept
- Hold and Secure were successfully completed at the start of October.

Mark Reporting

- Interim Report Cards - Sent out electronically Oct 17-18
- Midterm Report Cards - Sent out electronically Nov 20-22

Take Our Kids

- Take our Kids to High School - Nov 1, 2023 - This is for our grade 8 students
- Take our Kids to Work - Nov 1, 2023
 - No regular grade 9 classes
 - Grade 9 students and families have been sent a google form to fill out regarding the options for Take our Kids to Work
 - In person/ Virtual Job Shadowing Opportunity
 - Stay at home and independently participate in career exploration
 - Stay at school and independently participate in career exploration
- Grade 8 Open House - November 23, 2023

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- Student Progress Meetings - October 26, 2023 (6:30 - 8:30 pm)
 - Booking appointments are to be done through TeachAssist Parent Portal beginning on October 19th
 - OSSLT
 - Fall OSSLT - November 21: Grade 10 and previously eligible Grade 11 & 12
 - After School Literacy and Numeracy Program
 - After School Literacy and After School Numeracy will be starting this week

Treasurer Report

\$500

Board Policies for Review



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We'd Like Your Feedback on Our Current Policies Under Review

Guideline for Policy and Procedure Review

Trustee Linda Gilbert shares an exciting way to engage in policy review:

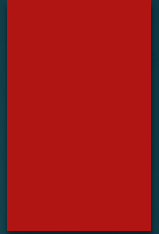
making any future revisions to this policy and/or procedure?

Formal comment may be submitted, in accordance with the processes outlined in Policy and Procedure #285.0, Board Policies, Procedures and Supporting Documents, at policy.committee@yrdsb.ca, via fax at 905-727-3984 or sent in hard copy format ([contact us](#)) to the attention of the Assistant Manager, Corporate Policy.

Your feedback should include the following:

- identification of the specific section(s) of the policy and/or procedure you would like to see addressed;
- a rationale for the concerns; and
- specific, alternate wording to reflect the position of the person(s) submitting a response.

New Business



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RHHS School Council Meeting Dates



November 20, 2023

February 20, 2024

March 18, 2024

May 21, 2024