

Richmond Green Secondary School – School Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Attendance

Staff Members: Daraius Bharucha (Principal), Sayema Chowdhury (VP), Lynn Pyke (Teacher Rep), Shelina Jaffer (Teacher Rep)

Student Representatives: Kira Yip (SAC Chair)

Attendees: (see list): Hila Draper, Ana Pad, Sasha Abbas, Karim Hasham, Jaclyn Zhang, Onur Gulsevgi, Manimaran Chelladurai, Asha henbagaraj, Arshida Hedeshi, Laura Liu

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Adoption of Minutes of March 2024 Meeting
- School Council Co-chair's Report/Update
- Student Council Report/Update
- Teachers Report/Update
- Principal's Report/Update
- Potluck
- Dates for School Council Meetings
- AOB and Adjournment

The Opening

- 7:00 pm start – Mr. Bharucha welcomed all attendees. Introduced the admin team and shared the agenda
- Shared quote for the meeting and Land Acknowledgement.
- Shared theme for the year for school staff

School Council Co-Chair's Report

- Hila Draper and Karim Hasham, the Co-Chairs of School Council, briefed the attendees on PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters! on April 18, 2024 which they had attended:

- The keynote speaker at the symposium was Jennifer Casa-Todd and the title of her speech was "Raising Digital Leaders". <http://casatodd.com/parenting>
- There were six various workshops at the symposium.

School Council (SAC) Update

- Kira provided an update of the work of Student Council in April and May, 2024.
- Updates were about THE HUNT (3 winners, prizes, promotional videos received with 169k views), RGSS MERCH 2023-2024 (hoodies designed and up for sale on SCHOOLCASHONLINE) and the upcoming BIRTHDAY BASH (carnival celebrating school's 20th birthday, Flea Market with 177 vendors, dodgeball and tug-of-war, performances and live stage activities, as well as food truck).
- A slideshow by the Student Council was also shown.

Teachers Report

- Ms. Pyke and Ms. Jaffer are the Teacher representatives to school council. They gave a report on:
 - Ecoteam Council has put together the Ecoschool application for certification. We are aiming for Platinum. Results will be in in about a month.
 - The musical MEAN GIRLS BACK IN BUISINESS was a HUGE SUCCESS and incredible showcase of student leadership and talent.
 - Positive Space Group wrapped up a 10-week program through John Howard Society of York Region where students worked through a variety of topics to help buikd reliance, leadership skills and community.
 - Upcoming Pride celebration and raising the flag and social activities.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Bharucha touched upon the following:
 - Letters to parents
 - Success of the Iftar Dinner
 - Relationshipsaces workshop that was held in April

- Prom and Graduation
- SIP (School Improvement Plan)
- Mrs. Chowdhury touched upon the following:
 - HOSA
 - Mental Health Fair
 - OSSLT Spring Session-complete
 - EQAO
 - Exam TT
 - Girls Code/Boys Club

Potluck

Attendees each brought a dish at the end of the meeting to celebrate the last School Council meeting of the academic year.

School Council Dates for 23-24 Year

- October 17th 2023
- December 19th 2023
- March 19th 2024
- May 14th 2024

AOB and Adjournment

- Karim Hasham proposed adjournment and Hila Draper seconded it.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes of this meeting was prepared by:
Ana Pad (Co-Secretary of the Council)