

RH KING ACADEMY – SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

2023 – 2024 School Year: Meeting # 8

Date: **Tuesday September 10, 2024**

PARTICIPANTS

Executive Committee:

Co-Chair: Angelina Meighlal
Treasurer: Eric Cardenas Poire
Principal: Catherine Chang

Co-Chair: Jason Irving
Secretary: Carolyn Glasgow (acting)
Teacher Representative: Brian Wilkinson
Teacher Representative: Jordyn Booth

Voting Members Present: Angelina Meighlal, Jason Irving, Erick Cardenas, Carolyn Glasgow, Melissa Taylor, Alice Vennema, Thomas Anastasios, Mahira (Regina) Khan, Mariam Mwenye, Ibtisam Munir, Cliff Gordon, Rayford Glasgow, Robyn Mulcaster, Vera Handmann, Suzie Sharma.

Others Present: Kamrol Hassan Chowdhury, Luthfun Rahman Chowdhury, Jazmin Tapia, Shelley Xie, Kazi Anwar, Chandra Mouli Srirangadhamu, Leigh-Anne Israel, Ichraq Ayad, Tabassum Mahmud, Kaniz Sadik Kweshi, Mawordi Ahmed, Kavitha Rames, Sazal Roy, Rupa Dey, Mohammed Ana Miu, Kazi Bitul Mamoor, Fahamida Hassanchy, Denise Loveys, Alejandra Cabezas, Wahida Hasin, Alex Kolokotronis, Sukta Barua, Sheila Encarnacion Liggayu, Diana Somera, Hongxu Zhao, Chesola Munrat.

Time: 7:00 Agenda Item and Notes: (this is technically the last mtg of last year's council.)

	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Jason Irving	
	Acceptance of previous meeting minutes	
	Accepted by: Tom	
	Seconded by: Rayford	
	Student Councils Report: No report	
	Presented by: None	
	Council:	Event or Notes:

Time: Agenda Item and Notes:

	Principal's Report: Catherine Chang
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Notes: Welcome to all! A privilege to work with you, and to welcome so many new people tonight. Thanks to those who are from last year and those who are new.

We were thankfully able to pull back some teachers we had to surplus last year. We have registered over 70 new families, exceeded our projected enrolment, and requested additional staff from the Board – we will know soon if that is granted.

We received funding to help at a pre-meet & greet for kids with IEPs and exceptionalities. The purpose was to alleviate anxiety about the transition to high school and meet some friendly faces. Ms. Booth and others had a welcome get-to-know-you day hosted by senior students. One new admin – Ms. McLean, and now Mr. Timothy James – who will be here next meeting.

VPs and Catherine led an assembly about Caring and Safe assembly – what is permitted and what is not. Phones – a minimum we have to do – are turned off/out of sight unless permitted for educational purposes. Students will be reminded to put them away. So far students seem to understand why and there haven't been any referrals to the principal.

Tomorrow there's a transition assembly – *How Grade 9s can get involved at the school* – led by the students – very exciting.

If you have a concern, please let us know – feel free to contact her directly or her admin. She will direct your email

Question about IEPs (Individual Education Plan): Yes, they continue from year to year unless a discussion has taken place to discontinue it for an exceptional reason.

Chair's Report:

Notes: **No report**

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Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance: 5891.08\$
Budget is about \$2000 – spent \$814.53 in 2023-24.
Debits since last meeting: \$9.00
Credits since last meeting: \$0.20
Expected upcoming expenses: unknown
Allocated expenses: None

Notes:

There is a Budget Sub-Committee we can join.

Question: When can we allocate funds? A: Clubs in need of funding will request funds once their council and our council is set up. In a couple of meetings from now after their deadline we'll see them, but we may receive ad hoc requests throughout the year.

Question: How many positions are available on our Council?

Council is for the betterment of the students, to improve and contribute to student achievement. It does make a big difference.

A: We have bylaws on the RH King Parent Council website. There is no cap on our council membership, and we are very fortunate that the number of parents attending is high. We meet approximately monthly until June. To vote you have to be nominated – and have one vote for you at the next Council meeting.

Every parent is welcome at each meeting (online/in-person) to listen and contribute ideas and questions. We need 50% of voting members so quorum plus 1 at each meeting. **Note** that if you miss 2 consecutive meetings, you will be removed from the *voting* list but you have the right to still attend and contribute to meetings.

Voting members will elect the **Secretary, Treasurer, Chair, and Co-Chair** at the next meeting. These positions will need signing authority at Scotiabank. Treasurer and Secretary submit a report near the end of the year. The secretary handles admin of the meetings and can be split between two people.

Admin: Ms. Chang, Principal, and **Teacher Rep**

On the Council we have sub-committees such as the Budget Sub-Committee, Caring and Safe Schools Sub-Committee, Staffing Sub-Committee, Fundraising sub-committee.

Question: How do we raise \$\$ as a council now that there are no uniforms?

1. Flipgive – where a percentage of what you purchase goes right back to us.
2. And...Everything is on the table – the Committee can talk about it –and get voted on by Council.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 24. We will vote at the start of the meeting. We'll send out the descriptions of the positions prior.

Safe Schools Sub-Committee Report:

	<p>Presented by:</p> <p>Notes: No report</p>
	<p>Fundraising Sub-Committee Report:</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <p>Notes: No report</p>

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	<p data-bbox="261 134 1528 191">New Business:</p> <p data-bbox="261 191 1528 247">1. Question about the difference between the school's councils, associations, and clubs:</p> <p data-bbox="261 247 1528 304">Mr. Williamson:</p> <p data-bbox="261 304 1528 520">Student councils serve the WHOLE school, 20+ (eg. LGBTQ, Yearbook, library council, have access to a certain amount of money to support it. (tomorrow is co-curricular council fair). Generally led by students in Leadership Program. Every council needs to take grade nines. Please encourage this and follow up with your teen. Encourage them to talk to their mentor teacher and guidance council. They'd only fade if we lose that teacher so that's rare.</p> <p data-bbox="261 520 1528 615">Tomorrow is the Co-curricular Council fair. Applications are due Friday. Takes 2 weeks approx., some are 10 days.</p> <p data-bbox="261 615 1528 741">Associations serve more cultural groups that put-on events (eg. black student alliance), need a staff supervisor, enough numbers, and receive permission (need to have a need for it)</p> <p data-bbox="261 741 1528 835">Clubs: 20-30 clubs serve student interests (chess club, 3D printing club, etc.), approval is much easier, can raise \$ for a charity.</p> <p data-bbox="261 835 1528 972">2. Question: Applying to Councils was Social Media based? A: Yes, haven't taken anything away but cannot apply during the school day. Links will be centralized and sent through GoogleForms.</p> <p data-bbox="261 972 1528 1108">3. School Council: We're here to help address things – not for venting about problems that should be addressed directly with the school. –Lifelong friendships are made through involvement in school council!</p> <p data-bbox="261 1108 1528 1287">4. Angelina advised grade 12 students/parents to view their MyBlueprint (Supplementary Information) and two credits for e-learning have to be removed as they're still on there in error. Make sure your grade 12 students apply for an opt-out and the school will put the exception in. Or, students can take the credits if they need some flexibility.</p> <p data-bbox="261 1287 1528 1434">5. Jason noted that student executives will present at each meeting after today. Note that we received a certificate of appreciation from the PIAC Toronto (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee. Tom A. went last year.</p> <p data-bbox="261 1434 1528 1591">6. Ms. Chang sent out the council information – and ballot – we'll send it out again. Minutes of our meetings will be posted on the school's website and emailed to those on the list.</p>
	<p data-bbox="261 1591 1528 1648">Meeting Adjourned:</p> <p data-bbox="261 1648 1528 1705">Motioned by: Rayford</p> <p data-bbox="261 1705 1528 1778">Seconded by: Tom</p>

Next Meeting: The first meeting of the 2024-25 Council is Tuesday, September 24 at 7 PM.