

R.H. King Academy School Council Meeting Minutes Agenda
Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7:00PM
Location: Library and Zoom

Meeting Attendees:

Angelina Meighlal, Jason Irving, Ray Barta, Barb Barta, Alice Vennema, Carolyn Ward-Glasgow, Rayford Glasgow, Erick Cardenas, Vera Handmann, Melissa Taylor, Thomas Anastasiou, Kassandra Lake, Mariam Mwenye, Ibtisam Munir, Suzie Sharma-Hardial, Victor, Yalini, Abirami

Staff: Catherine Chang – Principal, Tasneem Munir- Vice Principal, Brian Wilkinson – Teacher, Shelly Mohamed – Teacher

Chair: Angelina Meighlal

Co-Chair: Jason Irving

Minutes: Barb Barta

	Item	Notes
1	Welcome – Angelina M& Jason I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Irving welcomed everyone to the last meeting of this school year.
2	Review of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from April 25, 2023 approved. First – Tom A. Second – Barb B.
3	Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zainab spoke about events for May and June. King Equity Council – Campaign to support indigenous women and children for gender based and domestic violence and for missing and murdered indigenous women and children. Arranging an interactive hub at the Backyards Arts Festival and have online posts for Asian heritage month and an in-person trivia activity for Asian Heritage Month. King International Council – Hosting World Food Sale on May 30th and Cultural Day on May 31st which includes a photo booth and a fashion show. Also recognizing World Day on May 21st and are having a multicultural night on June 1st. King Library Council – Doing an interactive hub at the Arts Festival on May 18 which is bookmark making. Kingsley Voice should be printed this week. King Law Society Council – Preparing for the co-curricular fair with a heavy focus on poster creations and recruiting new members. King Nutrition and Food Council – Preparing to serve food and cookies for the Backyard Arts Festival on May 18. King Technology Council – Tech help for the grad breakfast on May 17, Backyard Arts Festival on May 18 and Multicultural Night on June 1. They are also improving audio quality in the cafeteria. King Wellness Council – Mental Health Awareness Week and also making balloon animals for the Backyard Arts Festival on May 18.
4	Business SHSM Presentation – Shelly Mohamed (teacher)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently have an arts SHSM. Realized a growing need over the last two years for a business SHSM. Applied a few months ago and was approved Fri May 5 by the Ministry of Education. Students complete this program in grade 11 and 12 and they can focus and customize their secondary studies. It will be recognized by post secondary institutions and the business sector. It is directed to all pathways: college, university, the workplace and apprenticeship. They will get a red seal on their diploma when they graduate, if all requirements are met. It builds up their resume and experience. The benefits to the school are huge because of the funding attached to it. Currently have one staff but it could change staffing in the future.

5	Principal's Report – Catherine Chang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backyard Arts Festival takes place Thurs May 18 • Grad Breakfast takes place Wed May 17. • Sports taking place: ultimate frisbee and soccer. • Transition evening for incoming grade 9 students taking place on Wed June 7 from 5:00pm-6:30 pm. Ms. Chang suggested we set up a parent council table that night and say a few words. • Ms. Chang received a phone call from Queens University. Undergrad students from Queens can nominate an educator who influenced their time in high school and set them on course to post secondary education and ultimately to their graduation from Queens. Mr. Wilkinson was nominated by a student and is receiving an award. Congratulation to Mr. Wilkinson. • Ms. Munir - NBE3U or NBE3C (English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Voices) will be a required course. One teacher is currently trained. Want to make sure proper training is implemented before the program is expanded. In the fall, one NBE3U and one NBE3C will be offered. • There will be an assembly on Fri May 19 organized by the Tamil Heritage Club with the help of a staff advisor. Topic is Tamil Genocide. • Open Doors for clubs and councils during May. Students can go to meetings and see what the clubs and councils are about and which ones may be interesting for them.
6	Chair's Report – Angelina M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Meighlal: Last year council contributed \$300 to the grad for cupcakes and refreshments for the parents. Angelina motioned for council to contribute \$300 this year. Second- Tom A. Vote took place. Result: Unanimously yes. • Ms. Meighlal proposed for council to contribute \$500 for the DJ for the prom if money is left over from our parent engagement evening. First – Ray B. Second- Melissa T. All in favour. • Mr. Irving – He will be speaking at TDSB Wed May 17 at 4:30pm in regards to specialty programs and the new lottery system. There was a vote on whether he can speak on behalf of the parent council at RH King. Vote: Yes
7	Treasurer's Report – Miriam M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mwenye: We have \$7,466.04. • \$150 still needs to be taken out for KSTEM • Motion raised to carryover leftover funds to next year. First – Rayford G. Second – Tom A. All in favour.
8	Parent Engagement Planning Group – Yalini, Tom, Ibtisam, Suzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group is having a meeting Wed May 17. • Update to be provided by Tom after the meeting. • Motion to use money from the \$1,100 Parent Engagement Fund • First – Tom A. Second – Jason I.
9	Safe School Report – Melissa T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update. There are not enough people for a committee. Will try to recruit more people next year. • Ms. Chang has a Community Engagement/Safety Focused meeting at the end of the month. Maybe build partnerships with other schools and businesses
10	New Business & Open to questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzie – Comment about students signing attestation form re: their commitment to the leadership program and whether they understood the academic requirements.
11	Adjournment	<p>The meeting is going to end now. Motion to Adjourn –Tom A. Second –Ray B. The meeting is adjourned at 8:50 pm - All in favour. Last meeting for this year. Next meeting Fall 2023.</p>