

R.H. King Academy School Council Meeting Minutes Agenda

Nov 28, 2023 at 7:00pm

Location: Library & Zoom

Library Meeting Attendees and online: Jason Irving, Amena Pathan, Mahira Regina Khan, Eric Cardenas, Melissa Taylor, Ray Barta, Shirley Lo-Cadotte, Robyn Mulcaster, Barb Barta, Mariam Mwenye, Karina Sanders, Zoynal Abedin, Ibtisam Munir, Michelle Walsh McDonald, Cliff Gordan, Suzie Sharma-Hardial, Carolyn Ward-Glasgow, Ray Glasgow, Khandker A Haque, Vera Handmann, Elayne Miles, Helen Manson, Arju Akhter, Hellen Mason, Jim Moses, George Lazarevski, Ritu Eshita, Randy, Sadia

Staff: Principal: Catherine Chang, Teacher : Brian Wilkinson, Teacher: Jordyn Booth

Chairs: Angelina Meighlal & Jason Irving

Treasurer: Erick Cardenas

Minutes: Amena Pathan

Item	Notes
<p>Welcome- Jason I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous minutes will be sent out at a later date and vote to accept will move to next meeting• A fund request was made for the Film Club, by a gr 11 student Sahara Meighlal-Sarwan• She observed at the beginning of the year that many new students did not want to use the cafeteria and chose to wander the halls and outside alone, they all seemed sad and lonely, which bothered her greatly.• This gave her the idea of a lunchtime film and photo club, a safe space for students to enjoy their lunch time and meet new kids without feeling the obligation to create conversation but can still be with others• Mr. Willkinson had agreed, reinstating a previous created Club, to show movies in the Library every Tuesday lunch period• She created a social media page called the KING FILM CLUB, this page now has 238 student followers /members• Half a movie will be shown on Tuesday to a maximum of 20 students a time both pre booked and walk ins (2nd half the following Tuesday)• Members have the option to vote on the upcoming movie• Chips and small snacks are provided by the student from her own pocket for each show, the calculation are \$5.50 / Tuesday• Sahara is asking Parent Council to cover the cost of snacks for a school year, at about \$200• The Parent Council voted - <u>Approved</u>.• All school groups and councils can make a request to Parent Council for funds• All councils, clubs and groups were made aware at the beginning of the school year and at the last teachers meeting• A request to all voting member to send out a 'regret letter' to the R.H.KING email so that Parent Council has a record

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who have missed 2 consecutive meetings in a row without sending regrets will be removed from the voting list • If you are removed as a voting member you are still able to come to all the meetings • The parent teacher appreciating lunch or breakfast is undecided at this time but hopes are that this will take place in the month of April 2024 • On the facebook page a poll asked for volunteers at this time there is about 6 people who will be helping out the population of teachers we are working with about 100 people
2	<p align="center">Student Report- Hirushi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are able to go to the TDSB connect app to anonymously report any issues directly to the principal • If students do not have the app they will be able to download it • Report N/A to attach
3	<p align="center">Principals Report- Catherine Chang</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms.Chang met with the principal leadership council during the morning to further discuss about the TDSB connect safety aap • A presentation of students who achieved very highly last year will be awarded with academic awards • It is appreciated that teachers did a great job in organizing the awards ceremony for the students • Frozen Sounds is coming up which is an opportunity to Showcase the arts programming • Freaky fridays is coming up if you are unaware please do a google search details • One thing that is very important when Freaky Fridays will be taking place the sound production will be around the cafeteria therefore they will be closing the cafeteria a week before the Performances • Students will be notified when the closure is taking place • Students will be able to eat lunch in other parts of the school • Many students from last year have had many concerns about exams

- Students were finding a lot of imbalance
- A Lot of senior students specially were having multiple exams in a day which made it very stressful
- Students were very stressed out when the write the exam and when the location and teacher are different it causes then anxiety knowing that the same teacher will not be there to help out or answer a question.
- Principal has worked with the leadership team they have consulted with other schools across the TDSB
- TDSB had suggested to move to a model of what is called Period exams which means that if you have a class in a block you do that class on the first exam schedule and the same cycle is repeated
- Students will be guaranteed on exam per day
- Students are guaranteed to write the exam with the same teacher and in most cases the will be writing the exam in the Same location they regularly have the class
- TDSB wanted another way for students to be able to report any concerns regarding within the school
- These concerns will go straight to the principal and their admin team
- TDSB with caring and safe schools has picked 10 schools some middle schools and some secondary schools, they have asked these 10 school to partner with them and do a Test trial of the TDSB connect safety app
- All reports that are being made on the school safety app will remain confidential unless otherwise there is a serious concern then the admin team can work on finding out who has made the report
- If a student is making a report on the app and it is a criminal activity or that a student will be harming themselves then this information will not remain anonymous
- The student has the option if they would like to remain anonymous or not
- The app also allows students to upload pictures of any evidence regarding any incidents
- When students make a report on the app they will receive an email back with a response
- If reports are made for the school staff or principal these emails will go directly to the school superintendent
- The app will be implemented on November 30, 2023
- All parents and staff as well as students are encouraged to give any feedback for the app as well as any concerns
- This is only a pilot run until the end of January TDSB will then decide if they will continue with the app or not

4	Treasurer's Report - Eric C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is \$6,698.39 dollars in the bank at this time• Banking fee of \$2.00/ month charged and .06 cents interest added• The \$200 dollars will be approved for the film and photo club• Checking the statement from previous years there has been a total of \$2,000 dollars used• There is some income that comes from the school and some income is from fundraising

STUDENT ID CARDS AND SAFETY

- Suggestions of having ID lanyards for students in school so that students who belong in the school and also know if they are intruders
- Make sure students are safe
- Principal stated that SBSMS are very good at IDing intruders and king students
- TDSB wants to decrease hyper surveillance in school, called "carding"
- Students can help keep environment safe by informing staff of unrecognizable individual in building
- SBSMs work on ensuring doors locked during day
- During instructional day, don't allow people to walk around school unless they have signed in, they have a visitors tag, and they have an appointment
- Student ID cards are used for sporting events, proms to ID people at the door
- Catherine wants students to have ownership of their space, to look after their space, to have inclusion, to inform adult if something is amiss
- Staff and students know students in building and who belongs and who stands out

FEEDBACK FOR POSTERS ON BUILDING

- Posters shared with staff in Staff Weekly, should be discussed at staff meeting
- Discussion on what posters to post in building
- Need to consult with all stakeholders, see what better for site, consult with school council as well
- Need to stick with respectful and simple language that is to the point
- Simple language posters, kindness, respect are good at promoting respectful behaviour in the workplace and school environment

TDSB SAFETY FEATURE ON TDSB CONNECTS

- Pilot school who is scheduled to have safety app for students on TDSB connects go live on Nov. 24
 - Catherine showed committee what app would look like on phone
 - Use app for reporting incidents, concerns in building, can be anonymous and confidential
 - Once report made, principal receives email immediately
 - Acknowledgement of app being challenging to end user
 - Need to figure out ways to promote through school and encourage students to use app
 - Introduction of Taharat, student who created own safety app for King student
- > walked committee through Taharat's safety app on his laptop
- > well thought out app for safety and wellness of students

OTHER BUSINESS

- given challenge of plant, water is an issue
- nothing ongoing that Catherine is aware
- if issue, trades are called immediately and work outside of instructional day

WALL IN WEIGHT ROOM

- facility concern
- wall is below grade level, used to be auto bay
- any wall below grade, issues with paint peeling off bricks
- must create appropriate water barrier, working on it

6	Fundraising Report Ray B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on setting up the entropy shop for fundraising • Working on other local fundraising options • Should be up and fundraising in month of December 2023 • Will update in next meeting with more information
7	New Business Ibtisam M. (presentation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB educational partners these organizations have educational programming partnership agreements to provide programming during instructional time, in person, or remotely further details or on the following website • http://pims.tdsb.on.ca/HOME.aspx/OurPartners • This website above has been vetted by TDSB <p>BLANK CANVAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.blankcanvas.org/in-school/ • 2 hour workshop • Most programs on the website are for K-8 but can be customized for high school • Cost \$477+ 10% admin fee (this fee is for a private workshop as it is out of school time) • 10 participants they can adjust cost for parents and students together • Topic is flexible • We can offer it for low cost and with registration by covering the cost throughout own budget <p>IDEA 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2 hour art making booth - either customized or we can choose one of the lessons they offer • All the art supplies and materials are provided • It includes a lead art educator and a small team facilitating booth and helping families explore creative art making • The tables and chairs will be provided by the school (recommended around 2 or 3 standard 6ft tables and around 10-15 chairs so that more participants can make art in the limited time) • Fee for the booth will be \$1600 which will include all the above that is mentioned • Official partnerships with the TDSB are an approved partner of the board and follow all Ontario Ministry of Visual Arts curriculum guidelines <p>STORYBOOK PROJECT BY THE STARFISH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 families with registration • Stand-alone event • Will reflect various cultures and student voice • Cost is \$300 • An e- book would be the end result • If approved this event could take place in the gym
8	Adjournment	<p>Motion to close: Ray Second: Shirley Next Meeting: Tuesday January 23, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m</p>