

<b>R.H. King Academy School Council Meeting Minutes Agenda</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 26th. 2023 at 7:00pm</b>
<b>Location: Library &amp; Zoom</b>

**Library Meeting Attendees:** Melissa Taylor, Yalini Vijayanathen, Ray Barta, Shirley Lo-Cadotte, Alice Vennema, Sheik Mohammed A Hossain, Robyn Mulcaster, Barb Barta, Thomas Anastasios, Mariam Mwenye, Karina Sanders, Amena Pathan, Mahira (Regina) Khan, Zoynal Abedin, Ibtisam Munir, Michelle Walsh-McDonald, Cliff Gordon, AJ Kahn, Suzie Sharma-Hardial, Carolyn Ward-Glasgow, Khandker A Haque, Vera Handmann, Md Touheed, Elayne Miles, Hellen Manson, Swaleh Hasson A Mohamed.

Non-voting members: Larisa Trabulsi, Kassandra Lake, Florence Moses, Naseem Sultana, Peter Penheiro, Susannah, Tiffany Luckhoo

**Staff:** Catherine Chang – Principal; Tasneem Munir - VP; Lesley McLean - VP; Brian Wilkinson - Teacher; Jordyn Booth - Teacher

**Chairs:** Angelina Meighlal & Jason Irving

**Treasurer:** Erick Cardenas

**Minutes:** Daniela Rojze

	Item	Notes
1	Welcome – Jason I & Angelina M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If you miss 2 meetings in a year, you aren't a voting member anymore.</li> <li>● There's an agreement to meet on Tuesdays.</li> <li>● Jason I. describes roles of the executives.</li> <li>● Angelina and Jason nominated as chair and co-chair.</li> <li>● Eric nominated for treasurer.</li> <li>● Amina and Regina nominated for co-secretary.</li> <li>● The executive is established.</li> <li>● Safe and caring school committee meets with Ms. Chang once a month.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yalini and Amina are part of a subcommittee with Melissa T.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fundraising committee: Ray, Alice, Shirley, Sheik Hossain, Robyn.</li> <li>● Angelina: There's time until the end of October to apply for the SCIG 2022-2023 (student council innovation grant).</li> </ul>
2	Review of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion to approve previous minutes - Ray</li> <li>● Second: Daniela</li> </ul>
3	New Council vote and Principal's report - Catherine Chang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We had a fire drill.</li> <li>● We will have a lockdown drill.</li> <li>● T. Munir: Our numbers are up more than expected. We have been given a 0.5 staffing allocation that will be used for the support of our coop.</li> <li>● 34 students are enrolled in the dual credit.</li> <li>● L. McClain: Literacy initiatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some students are struggling with reading and writing.</li> <li>○ Spring OSSLT had a 84.5 pass rate.</li> <li>○ Literacy screening for gr 9 students. We will use the Don Word Test to assess students and support those who are reading under level. It will give us general info re Gr 9.</li> <li>○ Q: Will this be correlated next year in gr 10 to see if it works?                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ That's a step ahead of where we are now.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Q: Is there a similar test for Math?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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4	Chair's Report - Angelina M and Jason I	
5	Treasurer's Report - Miriam M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No change</li> </ul>

<b>6</b>	Fundraising - Create new group and ideas	
<b>7</b>	New Business: Q & A	
<b>8</b>	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn - Shirley Second - Ray The meeting is adjourned - All in favour. Next meeting: October 24th