



Richmond Hill School Council

November 27, 2007 7:15 PM
2nd floor, Library

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Topic	Speaker	Time (minutes)
Welcome, Attendance	Joan Profit	5
Student Council Report	Abbas Sherazi	10
Administrator's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways to Equity Project • Welcome Poster • Basketball Court • Traffic Safety 	Dr. Chan	20
RHHS DVD distribution update	Jose D'aversa/Dr. Chan	10
School Website	Jose D'aversa	15
New Business		10
Wrap Up/Next Meeting	January 22, 2008	5

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Student Council Report:

- Semi-formal went well
- Issue in Cafeteria out of control: students are leaving too much of a mess when they leave
- Student council member have been present in the cafeteria during the lunch periods and asked students to clean up but it is still left too messy
- The grade nines (period 3) are the worst

Possible Action:

- Use cameras to catch students and have them do lunch room clean up duty
- Catch students cleaning up well and give them lunch vouchers
- Get more tables
- Get prefects involved
- Use student council as models
- Have competition to see which period can clean up the best-reward based action plan
- Use environmental club to influence students

In the past:

- Students have been asked to do clean up duty if they are caught a number of times leaving a mess behind them in the cafeteria
- Students are provided with gloves to perform duties

Graduation: Change in Venue

- Over 500 students graduating in 2008
- Maximum capacity of gym is 1100
- Not enough space to accommodate the students, teachers, special guests and parents/families of students
- Many parents were left in the hall last year due to lack of space
- Claudia Pestrin investigated change in venue options
- Surveyed staff and students resulting in high preference for a change to a larger facility

- Sheraton Parkway at Leslie and Hwy is available
- Room for 1300 cars
- Larger facility to accommodate everyone
- 95% of students preferred the Sheraton option
- Cost \$50.00-\$55.00 including gowns and cost of location; last year the cost for the gowns alone was \$35.00
- Plan is looking at a 2 to 2 1/2 hour ceremony, 1 1/2 hour reception with a possibility of having a pianist

Action: Council agree to support the change in venue to the Sheraton Parkway

School Website Update

- Website up and running
- Can be updated and modified as needed
- Gives access to school history and data
- Jose presented the website as a way to engage more parents into school at the School Forum
- Thank you Jose for all your hard work. The website is wonderful and is a excellent tool for the school community

Bleacher Update

- Board is not opposed to bleachers but will not pay for them
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Pepsi contract/vending machines

- Soft drinks containing sugar has been removed from the vending machines because of new regulations banning drinks with high calorie content
- Some vending machines had diet soft drink options only available and others had diet soft drinks, sport drinks and juice

Action plan: Ivy will arrange to have available options in all the machines so that students can have a choice

School Safety

- Rumours spreading to parents regarding increase in fights around school
- Board moving to a Restorative approach that incorporates progressive discipline
- Peer mediation will reduce necessity for punishment; 20-25 peer mediators trained each year
- Perceived problem with illegal substance abuse around school-has set disciplinary consequences
- Marijuana possession has received an automatic 10 days suspension now has an option for 5 days suspension plus counselling

Pathways to Equity

- have \$350.00 for project
- Students have opportunity for writing and poster contest

Principal's Report

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Restorative Practices

This year, we are moving the school towards Restorative Practices by enhancing our Peer Mediation Program providing Restorative Practice training for administration and staff.

Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship Program

We are pleased to inform you that 21 of our high school students have won the Province's Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarships. The award is a program of the Ontario Government that rewards students who graduate with top marks at their high school, and who plan to continue with their studies at an Ontario college or university. Students who maintain an 80% at the postsecondary level can receive these scholarships, which are worth up to a maximum of \$3,500 per year, for up to four years in total.

The winners were: Zaidun Alganabi, Michelle Chan, Yanyui Benedict Cheung, Alexander Chong, Olivia Lok Yin Chung, Dana Kim, Esther Young Joo Kim, Kam Kogan, Yue Faat Kwok, Jin Hung Lee, Yong Jin Lee, Derek Leung, Vivian Yee-Man Leung, Konstantin Lopyrev, Hassanabbas Mohamedali, Jinhao Mary Yang, Victoria Yang, Alex Yeung, Howard Ho Wai Yeung, Christina Yim and Yuxin Zeng.

Antiracism and Ethnocultural Equity Education Award

On October 26, the school represented by Mr. Dancyger, Ms. V. Chan, Ms. Williamson, Ms. Higgins-Wright, Ms. Sartor and the Principal was recognized at the Applause Reception at the Board for our Antiracism and Ethnocultural Equity initiatives. Our annual Literacy, Diversity and Equity Celebration Assembly; the original play "Intolerance" researched, scripted and performed by our Gr. 11 Drama students; and the Women In Action Assembly were some of the events and activities that were highlighted at this reception.

The Awards' Assembly on October 12 was a very happy event. Special thanks to Ms. Manis and Mr. McHenry of the Business Department and to all the teachers who helped make this day a memorable one

Ontario Provincial Turning Points Essay Contest

a major prize in the Ontario Provincial Turning Points Essay Contest

Orly Taub won

Caught You Doing Something Good Award

Protocol between York Region District School Board and York Regional Police

Please be aware of the right of the school administrators to search school property, such as lockers and desks, without notice to or permission of any person.

From time to time Police may be invited onto school premises to conduct a search. Those searches may be conducted without notice to or permission of any member of the school community other than the school principal.

Lates for Period 1

Cafeteria duties for students found loitering in the hallways

Doors closed at 8:50 a.m. except for the front entrance as a security measure.³⁴

Dates to Remember

Nov 30	P.A. Day (No Classes)
Dec 13	Holiday Serenade
Dec 19	Talent Show

Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter Break
Jan 7	Classes Resume
Jan 23-30	Exams
Jan 31	Exam Feedback Day
Feb 4	Semester 2 begins
Feb 13	Grade 8 Info Night
Feb 8	Grade 8 Band Rehearse-a-thon
Feb 11	Photo Day for new students
Feb 12	Report Cards issued
Feb 20	Course Selection Day
Feb 22	Course Selection Cards Due

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At the York Region Competitions, Richmond Hill students were called up on stage a total of 47 times.

In the Individual Events we had 7 medals:

2 Third Place Overall

2 Second Place Overall

3 First Place Overall

In the Team events

We had 3 medals – all First Place Overall Finishes

Other Information

Board policies can be accessed through the YRDSB Website at <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>

RHHS Council Minutes are now available at <http://www.richmondhill.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoolcouncil.htm>