

RHS School Council Minutes

Date & location; Tuesday October 11, 2022, virtual meeting.

Attendance:

Nancy dean (Chair / parent), Mike Furlong (parent), Lindsay Barr (parent), Dave Langner (parent), Rachele Sintic (RHS Principal), Greg Wysynski (vice-principal), Laura Wheeler (RHS parent council teacher rep), Etleva Konci (RHS student council staff advisor), Lauren Greene-Rosel (RHS student support teacher), Anmarie Varicat (parent), Elbai Nasser (parent), Katie Lee (parent), Ana Flaman (parent), Mariam (showed up at end. No last name given)

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes (month/year)

Approval of both June 2022 and Sept 2022 minutes requested. Motion to approve by Katie Lee. Seconded by Dave Langer. Carried and approved.

2. Principal's Report (Rachelle Sintic)

- RHS has a new VP and office administrator (on short term leave).
- There are 24 new sections this year
 - o 3 support periods
 - o RHS now has a 2nd full time guidance councilor
- New students are still arriving at RHS
- LGBTQ phys ed class planning is ongoing. There is a meeting on Friday with interested students through the Spirit Club and Kusha (OCDSB's Trans and Gender Diverse Student Support Coordinator) regarding this class, bathroom issues at the school, and making the school safer in general.
- Sienna funding has been renewed (\$10k in total) for experiential learning. Previous uses of this funding was discussed (e.g. creating t-shirts for Sept.30th). Discussions on what this will be used for this year will be discussed soon.
- Recent PD day focused on building communities within the school.
- Funding from Phys Ed Canada to improve quality programming and increase phys ed programming. Focus will be on outside activities if possible.

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- Oct.19th – Dad’s night. Focus is on newcomers to the school. This will be an opportunity for everyone to discuss what school is like, IEPs, where help and resources can be found, etc. Food will be provided.

3. Guest Teacher (Lauren Greene-Roesel; LST & IEPs)

- Learning support program overview
- All students have individual learning needs. Program looks at different ways that students learn, and to recognize them.
- Some students learn in ways that aren’t aligned with how programs are delivered.
- IEPs are a legal document that defines what is required to facilitate an individual student’s learning.
- Students are identified as requiring an IEP in a number of different ways.
- IEPs are reviewed every year. This starts within 30 days of start of school. Pre-existing IEPs are rolled over from previous years where they exist and when they are needed.
- The LST works with teachers to constantly evaluate IEPs for each student. All accommodations identified are a part of the IEP, and teachers work to implement them in the classroom.
- IEPs must be updated every year and are modified where appropriate. IEPs can be deactivated if no longer needed, although this isn’t common. All IEPs must be approved by the principal once completed.
- Children 18 and over take an active role in modifying their own IEP
- There are currently 175 IEPs in the school.
- Students are provided with computers or alternate working spaces if this requirement is included in the IEP.
- IEP feedback from parents is due back October 13th.

4. Teacher’s Report (Laura Wheeler)

- Student Vote – students will be invited to participate in a mock vote.
- Library program is back on, with very good uptake from the students.

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- Link from school page has additional info on how to support the school library
- Lots of arts and drama activities going on throughout the school
- Just completed CPR training for all co-op students
- Upcoming field trip to Larose Forest
- Lots of sports competitions are happening right now
- Many clubs are up and running. More info on school page.
- Hockey for youth has fitted girls with equipment. Oct 27th will be first ice time.
- Teacher update:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E6p8v-KgbOatyU8YgTvS39YrI3sjx1Hzokv4Uis6SQE/edit?usp=sharing>

5. Student's Council

- Discussion led by student council liaison, Etleva Konci
- Canadian Cancer Society rep was invited to a recent meeting to discuss Relay for Life
- Students will run event, supported by teachers
- School has not registered for this yet. Looking for support from the council, students, and parent volunteers. A lot of support would be provided by the organization. A lot of fundraising would need to take place.
- Event would take place in May 2023
- Etleva will share information via the council email, which will then be discussed within the council.

6. Chair's Report (Nancy Dean)

- OCDSB Parent Conference
 - o Nov.5th 8:30am – 1pm. Location to be confirmed later.
 - o Parents and the education system. More info to come.
- Municipal Elections
 - o Trustee elections info gathering group has met to discuss options for getting

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- o Some other schools have put together events recently where trustees were able to answer questions.
- o Team has decided that we will not pursue another in-person event. The recording from the Hopewell school is available online for anyone to watch
- o Propose putting together a short video, led by students, which will outline key information from the student's perspective, which will be shared.
- o Rachelle would like to have additional discussions about how we would choose the student participants and ensuring safety issues are considered.
- o Language issues must be considered to ensure all parents have access to whatever product is created.
- o Idea was raised that linking in the trustee candidates to the "Dad's night" might be a good opportunity to inform parents on the roles and responsibilities of the trustee or other topics of interest.
- o ACTION: Lindsay Barr to discuss with Rachele Sintic, and if plan is agreeable Lindsay will try to put together a short video over the weekend.
- What is important to our school council?
 - o Next meeting we will focus on what the council priorities should be.

7. OCASC Report (Nancy Dean)

8. Comments / Concerns

9. Next Meeting - Tues Nov. 8th IN PERSON in the Library

Motion to adjourn by Mike Furlong and passed at 8:29