

## RHS School Council Minutes

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Attendance:	Elham Seddigh Mike Furlong Lindsay Barr Li Toribio Tanis Haggerty Nicole Gibeau	Sophie Sarah Godding Lama The Wootons Melanie
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### Agenda Items

1. Welcome, Approval of agenda and Dec. 12 meeting notes
2. Guest Teacher - TBD
3. Student Council Update
4. Principal's Update (Rachelle Sintic)
5. [Teachers Update](#) (Laura Wheeler)
6. Committees
  1. Multicultural Dinner
  1. Parent Reaching Out Grant - [PRO GRANT 2023-2024](#)
  1. Grade 12 Graduation
  1. Fundraising
2. Next meeting - To be confirmed - Feb. 13th or Mar 19th

### 1. Welcome & Minutes Approval

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### 2. Guest Teachers

No guest teacher this month.

### 3. Student Council

- Starting to plan valentine day spirit day. Dance planned for Feb.15.

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- Working with student council leads to make a board wide student council mental health activity.
- Planning to do fundraisers for the student council.
- So far this month has been mostly focused on planning.

### **4. Principal's Report (Rachelle Sintic)**

- Presenter visiting from Simon Wisenfall Centre
  - Discussing many forms of hate and bias. Content is designed to be appropriate for the targeted age groups. Some of the topics were:
    - Roots of hate and intolerance
    - Propaganda and WW2
    - Genocide and the power of action
- Parents reaching out grant due date is soon
- Grade 9 math EQAO schedule: Jan 16-17 – 2 sessions in morning and 2 in afternoon. Jan 18-19 mornings only.
- Exam schedule is being developed and will be ready by end of the week. This is only for grades 11-12 classes which choose to hold exams. Grade 9 and 10s have no exams. Summatives will be used for grading rather than exams.
- March 28 – breaking the fast of Ramadan
- Prior to exams, students sitting below level 1 and level 2 will work with teachers to identify any gaps in their learning so they can be worked on prior to exams where possible.
- Grade 8 night was held on Dec.14.
- Course selections are being worked on right now and will be out in February.

### **5. Teachers Report**

Report from Laura Wheeler

- Grade 10 students have had a presentation on course selection in preparation for next year's electives opportunities.
- Students are encouraged to book time with their guidance councilor to help support their choices.
- Library news – Fiction section has been arranged by genre to help students find books that they like. Non-fiction section will be organized next.

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- English dept – The RHS Food Drive, organized by the ELD Department, has concluded. Over \$1000 and 20 boxes of food donations were raised.
- Paper towel tubes and kleenex boxes are needed for a class project. If you have any please bring them in to the school.
- The recent night market the arts department put on to raise funds was a huge success. Some extra cutting boards made by the technology department were sold to raise funds for some needed supplies.
- The drama department is putting on two Shakespeare plays for the senior class's final assessment.
  - o The AM class will be putting on Much Ado About Nothing set in a 1950's diner.
  - o The PM class will be putting on Julius Caesar set in the apocalypse. Omar.
  - o Both performances will be performed on Jan 18th. Much Ado is from 9:20-9:50 am and Julius Caesar is from 12:45-1:15 pm. Parents/guardians and family members have been invited to attend along with our other drama class.

## **6. Committees report**

### **1) Multicultural Dinner**

There has been discussion about sharing a bit more than just food for this event. Some potential items to add could be presenting a bit more about each culture, such as delivering a presentation on the culture or discussing more about where the food is coming from.

### **2) Parent Reaching Out Grant - PRO GRANT 2023-2024**

More information to be provided by Nancy Dean very soon.

### **3) Grade 12 Graduation**

No progress on this since last meeting.

### **4) Fundraising**

- Educational based fieldtrips have started to begin again post COVID (rock climbing, Diefenbunker, track and field, etc).
- Fundraising group developed a 3 point plan for how to approach this topic:
  1. Meeting with RHS admins to see what they feel the needs for the school are.

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2. Meet with student council to learn more about what they feel the school needs are.
3. Request cash donations from the community, rather than relying on activity-based approaches.

### **7. Comments / Concerns**

### **9. Next Meeting**

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at RHS library.