

## **Richmond Green Secondary School – School Council Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, Dec 18th, 2025 @ 6:40 PM

### **Attendance**

**Staff Members:** Daraius Bharucha (Principal), Sayema Chowdhury (VP), Sara Gupta (VP)

**Teachers Representatives:** Lynn Pyke, Schenelle Cunningham

**Student Representatives:** Sebastian Tse (SAC Chair)

**Attendees:** Karim Hasham, Anita Bilgrami, Ana Pad, Leonard Serieaux-Halls, Mohammad Haddad, Karan Moslehinzadeh, Sasha Abbas, Taslim Jina, Natalia Shapiro, Kavitha Ravindran.

**Guests:** Jordan Lynam and Wendy Kong - from Richmond Hill Library

### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Inclusion Activity
- Approve minutes from October Meeting
- School Council Forum Report
- PRO Grant Update
- Richmond Hill Library Presentation
- Principal's Profile
- Student Council Update
- Principal's Report
- Dates for School Council Meetings
- AOB and Adjournment

**The Opening:** Started at 6:40 PM – Mr. Bharucha welcomed all the attendees

**The Land Acknowledgement:** Read by Mrs. Gupta

### **Introduction:**

- Mr. Bharucha shared a quote for the meeting:  
“The synergy between parents and teachers unlocks the potential within every student.”
- Mr. Bharucha introduced the Administrative Team: Daraius M. Bharucha – Principal, Sara Gupta – Vice Principal (A–L), Sayema Chowdhury – Vice Principal (M–Z)
- Mr. Bharucha shared RGSS Values:
  - Care** — self-care, family, mental health, and well-being
  - Connect** — students, colleagues, and community
  - Include** — underserved and underperforming students, all identities

**Transform** — high expectations, high-impact strategies, focus on growths

- Mr. Bharucha Shared [YRDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan](https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/director-education/multi-year-strategic-plan) and [School Council Page](https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils-0)

**Inclusion:** The inclusion activity was sharing one thing that the attendees were looking forward to for the year end/winter break period.

**Minutes from last Meeting:** Minutes from the October 2025 School Council meeting were distributed, proposed by Karim Hasham and seconded by Leonardo Serieaux-Halls. These minutes can be found in the school's website.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondgreen.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Minutes.aspx>

**PRO GRANT update:** RGSS has won Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant. Jennifer Casa-Todd will present Raising Digital Leaders on April 16, 2026 @ 6:30 PM; food and snack will be provided.

#### **Richmond Hill Public Library Presentation:**

Jordan Lynam presented on library services and partnership opportunities. Presentation link: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IOUcot0YgO5y4mqgo7nmMEI5a-O1GmJdZZp6\\_yOmNF0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IOUcot0YgO5y4mqgo7nmMEI5a-O1GmJdZZp6_yOmNF0/edit?usp=sharing)

#### **School Council (SAC) Update**

SAC Chair, Sebastian Tse, provided an update of the work of Student Council in October and November 2025 and shared a slide of Student Council's activities.

- Recent Events:
  - a. Fright Night — record ticket sales, strong participation in raffles and photobooth
  - b. Semi-Formal — held at Angus Glen Country Club, extended event time, successful turnout
- Current Events
  - a. Winter Wonderland — spirit days, small events, GGT finale
  - b. Food Drive — over 460 items raised for 360Kids
- Upcoming Events
  - March Madness — sports-themed spirit week and events

**Principal's Profile:** Council members worked collaboratively in teams to review and develop a comprehensive Administration (Principal) profile template. The purpose of creating this profile is to provide a clear and detailed framework for consideration by Board Senior Leadership during the appointment process of Principals and Vice-Principals.

**School Council Chair's Report:** On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Council members attended the YRDSB Central School Council Forum in Richmond Hill SS about Artificial Intelligence. Reflections

from the School Council Forum were shared by Karim Hasham and Anita Bilgrami, the Co-Chairs of School Council, and Ana Pad, the Co-Secretary of the Council.

**Teachers Report:** A slide show was presented by Ms. Pyke. Ms. Cunningham also had some updates, including announcement of a new club: "Spoken Word Steam".

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Bharucha, Mrs. Gupta and Mrs. Chowdhury touched upon the following:

- Open House and Grade 8 Orientation
- STEAM Program and SHSM ICT Sector
- Concerts and Music Performances
- School Boundary Change Meeting
- New Cafeteria Lighting
- MOBYSS
- Exams
- OSSLT and Grade 9 EQAO

### **School Council Dates (2025–2026):**

- October 16, 2025
- December 18, 2025
- March 12, 2026
- May 14, 2026y 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
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### **AOB and Adjournment**

- Karim Hasham proposed the adjournment, and Anita seconded it.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of all agenda items at 8:57 PM.

Minutes Written by Co-Secretary: Ana Pad

