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 growts

- Mr. Bharucha Shared *YRDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan* and *School Council Page*

  https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/director-education/multi-year-strategic-plan
  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/1lOUcot0YgO5y4mqgo7nmMEI5a-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 7th, 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 15th, 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