Richmond Green Secondary School – School Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, Oct 16th, 2025 @ 6:35 PM

Attendance

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

Student Representatives: Sebastian Tse (SAC Chair)

Attendees: Ana Pad, Leonard Serieaux-Halls, Anita Fancy, Hasnain Fancy, Kavitha Ravindran, Taslim Jina, Jean Leon-Tavio, Cassandre Lennox, Maryam Ghorbani, Afshin Zareei, Rishma Govani, Lynn Pyke, Lin Wang, David Zhang, Mesud Hasemi

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Quotation for this session
- Team Leadership
- RGSS Values
- Inclusion Activities
- Approved minutes from last Meeting
- Multi-Year Strategic Plan and School Council
- DAB: District Action Plan
- School Council Election
- School Council Fall Forum
- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant for School Council
- Student Council Chair's Report
- Principal's Report
- Teachers Report
- Dates for School Council Meetings
- AOB and Adjournment

The Opening: Started at 6:35 PM – Mr. Bharucha welcomed all the attendees

The Land Acknowledgement: Read by Mr. Bharucha

Introduction:

- Mr. Bharucha shared a quote for the meeting
- Mr. Bharucha introduced the Administrative Team, team leadership, teacher leaders and teacher representatives.
- Shared RGSS Values: Care, Connect, Include and Transform

Inclusion Activity: For this activity, the attendees were divided into groups; they introduced themselves to their group members; each group came up with three questions to ask from the administrative team who then shared one response with the larger group.

Minutes from last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting (May 15th, 2025) were distributed among the attendees and approved. It was proposed by Anita and seconded by Leonardo. These minutes can be found on the school's website. School Council | York Region District School Board

Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Please see the following page:

https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/director-education/multi-year-strategic-plan
https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils-0

District Action Plan (DAB): Please see the following page:

https://www2.yrdsb.ca/board-plans/district-action-plan

School Council Page: Please see the following pages:

https://richmondgreen-ss.yrdsb.ca/school-council

https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils-0

School Council Election: Here's the composition of elected School Council Executives:

- Co-Chairs: Karim Hasham, Anita Fancy
- Co-Vice Chairs: Kavitha Ravindran, Taslim Jina
- Co-Secretaries: Ana Pad, Leonard Serieaux-Halls
- Fund-Raising Committee Chair: Hasnain Fancy

School Council Fall Forum: Mr. Bharucha, two co-chairs, Karim Hasham, Anita Fancy, and co-secretary, Ana Pad, will attend the School Council Fall Forum that will be held

on Nov. 3rd, 2025, in *Richmond Hill Secondary School.* They will present a summary of the workshops they attended in the next School Council meeting.

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant for School Council: is a provincial funding program in Ontario designed to support school councils and school boards in developing local projects and initiatives that help remove barriers to parent and caregiver engagement in their child's education.

- Mr. Bharucha has filled out the application.

School Council (SAC) Chair Update:

- *Student Council chair, Sebastian Tse*, took over the SAC leadership starting Sep. 2025.
- *Sebastian* provided a report on Clubs Fair.
- Upcoming events include Halloween Movie night and Semi-formal.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Bharucha touched upon the following:

- Safety and conduct with community partners
- Vaping and Cell Phone use
- Activity Fee
- Start Up forms
- Family Dashboard
- Remembrance Day

Mrs. Gupta touched upon the following:

- Parent Night Interviews
- MOBYSS
- Interim and Mid-Term Report Cards
- Halloween Costumes

Mrs. Chowdhury touched upon the following:

- OSSLT and Grade 9 EQAO (Nov 25/26)
- Grade 8 Orientation and TKTWD (Nov 5)
- Grade 8 Open House (Dec 4)

Teachers Report by: Lynn Pyke and Schenelle Cunningham.

- Arts: Gr. 9 and Gr. 12 visual arts classes, Art club, and Students who learn watercolor techniques in *Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures*.
- CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION placements in Richmond Hill in medical, auto service, law firms, accounting firms, teaching, real estate and bakeries.
- ENGLISH: There are 3 clubs: Writer's Guild, Reading Club, and SLAM Poetry.
- GEOGRAPHY: Gr. 9 students will be building their own thematic maps with ArcGIS.
- STUDENT SERVICES: Individual Education Plans for all applicable students is complete.
- SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES: Grade 10 Food and Nutrition visited Boreal Farms; Grade 11 Anthropology visited Toronto Zoo, and Head Detective of York Regional Police Forensic Unit; Grade 9 Family Studies had a trip to Value Village; Food and Nutrition courses (Grades 10 – 12) are applying practical skills daily; Grade 12 Human Growth and Development, are simulating the realities of newborn care and learn about the responsibilities of parenting.
- MLL (Multilingual Language Learners): The R.G.S.S. Ambassador's Club students volunteer their time to help welcome and orient any new student to school. First meet and greet will take place on Thursday, October 30th during the lunch hour.
- GUIDANCE: Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM); drop-in sessions for Grade 12 students in need of support in completing their post-secondary applications; Semester 2 course changes requests.

School Council Dates for 2025-2026 Year

1. Thursday, December 18th, 2025 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
2. Thursday, March12th, 2026 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
3. Thursday, May 14th, 2026 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

AOB and Adjournment

- Anita Fancy proposed adjournment, and Leonard Serieaux-Halls seconded it.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Minutes Written by Co-Secretary: Ana Pad