



## MINUTES

### **RBHS Parent School Council Monthly Meeting for 2016/17**

**Date: September 26, 2016**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Chaired by: Sharon  
Attendees: Mark, Bunny, Janice, Anup, Denise, Jill  
Absent: Ramon Brown, Oubaida Ikhbine

Recorded by: Maralyn

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**Welcome & Introductions** (Sharon & All)

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**Executive** (Sharon)  
Looking for a Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

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**IEP Parent Support Group** (Sharon & Maralyn)

#### *PRESENTATION DATES*

##### **October 17, 2016**

Executive Functioning & IEP 101 |  
Diana Lang (Spec Ed Head RBHS) & Sandra Lynch (Spec Ed Instructional Program Leader)  
Proposed: Executive Functioning is the big buzz-phrase today - and it doesn't mature until mid twenties... how do I support my son/daughter with his/her learning challenges and/or "teenager disorganization" without overfunctioning for them and doing it all!?

##### **November 14, 2016**

Changing Behaviours |  
Elisabeth Marit (ABA Facilitator) & Maggie Erdis (ABA Facilitator)  
Proposed: Whether it's gaming until all hours or problem behaviours related to a diagnosis other than "teenager," sometimes parents need to change their behaviour to change their son/daughter's behaviour (i.e. not communicating at dinner table, they get an empty plate).

##### **January 9, 2017**

Learning Disabilities & AD/HD | (need presenters still)  
Proposed: What are specific learning disabilities (functional) and how can I understand and support them?

## **IEP Parent Support Group (cont'd)**

### **February 13, 2017**

Mental Health (Anxiety, Depression) |

Ellen Cappon (Child & Youth Counsellor) & Gabriella D'Ambrosio (School Social Worker)

Proposed: Teaching of mental health supports, recognizing and supporting those we care for with mental health issues, breaking the stigma of mental health issues and building understanding versus just labelling mental health issues.

### **April 10, 2017**

The Great Summer Job Hunt | (need presenters still)

Proposed: Tips on getting your resume up-to-date and landing that summer job... the one that might even help you figure out what you may be interested in!

### **May 8, 2017**

Panel Discussion | Former Students

Proposed: Whatever your stream, student success is highlighted!

*AUDIENCE* (~30+ parents/families) – We invite parents OR we invite parents and 12+ students (please inform us if your talk is for parents only)

### *AGENDA* (7-8:30pm)

7-7:15 Introduction

7:15-8:15 Presentation

8:15-8:45 Q&A (with Presenter)

8:45-9 Parent Talk (with Sharon, SC Chair coordinating)

**ACTION: Maralyn to fill in missing speakers for talks.**

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## **Autism Job Club Open House**

(Sharon, Maralyn)

**October 3, 2016**–Peer to peer/parent to parent support group meeting 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays

Diana Lang and Sharon working on a “Jr Job Club” to add to the “Fun Nights” started last year for Community Pathways Program students.

**ACTION: Please invite families you know with young adults on the spectrum**

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**Student Council Update**

(Ramon & Oubaida–by email)

- Solidified member count of 40 members from all grades
- Successful club fair of over 30 clubs, all grades welcomed down for sign ups
- Grads in action upcoming where gr 12's can be butlers for a day
- Upcoming blackout dance, neon themed dance on October 20th, early bird price is 9 dollars, however price is going up on October 3rd to 10dollars. We encourage every one to come to the dance and be involved.
- Gr 10 literacy test on same day as the test, even more of an incentive.
- Very thankful and cannot wait to dive right into the rest of the school year.
- Impressive prospect to the school year!
- Multiple food drives have been organized throughout the school (near the end of November).

**ACTION:**

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**Treasurer Report**

(absent)

Received PRO Grant again for \$1000 to hire speakers for IEP Nights

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**Principal Update**

(Mark)

- 790 Students – 180 Grade 9's, 135 Grade 10's, 190 Grade 11's, 280 Grade 12's
  - EQAO
    - Math
      - Applied 64% at Level  $\frac{3}{4}$  - up from 35%
      - Academic 90% at Level  $\frac{3}{4}$  - up from 89%
    - OSSLT
      - FTE 77% - down from 82%
  - Courtesy Seats
    - 78 riding as of today
    - 16 outstanding requests – Hayden & Aldershot primarily
  - Staffing
    - Nancy Annibale
    - Rhonda Carkner & Amy Thomblison
    - 14 new teachers – mostly LTO
  - School budget priorities
    - Technology
      - 100+ Chromebooks added Sept 2015-present (200+ in school)
      - Sunset of old equipment
    - School Beautification
      - Painting exterior door & flashing, flowers
      - Mural in foyer
      - 4 classrooms new desks & chairs
      - Whiteboards & LCD mounting
      - Library
      - 3 classrooms tiled
  - Sports & Clubs
    - Club Fair Sept 14
    - Cinderella
    - Jr. Football, Sr. Field Hockey, Sr. Girls Basketball, Sr. Boys Volleyball, Cross Country
    - FIRST Robotics
    - Apeldoorn Exchange
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**Next Parent School Council Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2016, 7:00 pm**