

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council

Minutes

Tuesday May 7, 2024

6:00 pm

Google

Meet

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

K. Hobin/C. Savage

Acknowledgement of Traditional LandsThe Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have long standing relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.**Indigenous Inherent Rights:** The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

Human Rights and Equity Statement:

The Durham District School Board is committed to learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity, and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive, and free from discrimination

2. Welcome

K. Hoben/C.Savage

3. Student Parliament Update

Rachel Bureau

- Brady & Lola to deliver their final slideshow AND Maddie and Maria who will take over Student Parliament next year.
- Introduction of the new leads! Congratulations to them!
- Battle of the Grades was a HUGE success! Lot's of participation! The Gr. 9s won overall! (Dodgeball was the favourite event - very well attended!)
- Final spirit day will be "Stay Afloat" day - symbolic of coasting into June! Huge picnic on the field at lunch (food drive outreach to wrap up the year - considering the food insecurity problems in Canada in recent years.)
- Iftar dinner - over 200 tickets sold - music, food and community. A lot of learning about the Muslim community and Ramadan.
- DYDAC - Durham Youth Drug Awareness Committee. This is a secondary school outreach program TO our Gr. 8 feeder schools. It explores the dangers of drugs from slightly older peers - namely from the secondary school all of them will be eventually attending.

- DECA - Very good performance at California DECA event. Congratulations!
- Earth Day Cleanup on 22 April.
- Spring Production called “Departures” May 14th at 7PM (Black Box Theatre Style). A student written production.
- Lots of sports - Ultimate Frisbee, Boys Rugby, Intramurals, Lacrosse, Track and Field, Girls Soccer,
- Thank you!
- *Special Thanks on behalf of the Chair for the great work Brady and Lola did to share what is going on at BHS!

4. School Update

J. Demaray

- Arts Dept Music Concert on May 23rd (and a trip to Wonderland on May 29th celebration.)
- Guidance - Grad information going home next week (look out for it!). Note it is 27th June 9AM at Iroquois
- Summer school spots are filling up FAST if they wish to attend - reach out to Guidance.
- Gr. 8 Tours May 27-29th
- Bears Care Club - many events this week occurring during Mental Health Week as students ramp up for Summative Projects and Exams.
- Breakfast Club (T/Th) and Bears Cupboard still ongoing - and helpful for our community and our students struggling with food insecurity.
- A clarification question asked around - who receives the Synervoice Call or email from the school. Mr. Demaray will ensure that messages get out to both parents if custody is shared. (If in doubt - call the school to ensure emails are up to date.)

5. Exams

J. Demaray

- Gr. 12s (because of Eid on June 17th) the Board has moved gr. 12 exams from June 17th and 18th to the week before (June 13th and 14th). Gr. 12s have traditionally written exams early. Thus, this year: June 13th will be Pd. 4 exams, June 14th Pd. 3 exams (so, modified afternoon classes for the afternoon Gr. 9-11 students).
- The official exam week begins June 19th to 24th (Wed, Thu, Fri, Mon) for Gr. 9 to 11 (periods 1-4) Gr. 12 (period 1 and 2)
- June 25th is exam review and credit completion day.
- In two weeks (approximately) the exam schedule will be shared with parents and the community.
- Also, credit endangerment letters will also go out very soon - approximately one month before semester's end.

7. Health and Safety

F. Aziz

- Fire drills and lockdown practices have continued successfully this term.
- Bicycle and skateboards - reminder to walk on school property (Reminders about safety and wearing a helmet!)
- Note car safety in the parking lot! Watch for pedestrians!

8. Positive School Climate Update

J. Demaray

9. Grade 9 EQAO

F. Aziz

- Math EQAO will be June 11 and 12
- After school sessions running T/Th in the library until June 6th (see website) - ANY student may come to practise their math skills

10. Other Business

K. Hoben/C.Savage

- **Notably, Ms. Shoemaker shared a slide show “DECA Wrap up” - as it is her retirement year. (Thank you for presenting it Mr. Demaray - and especially a thank you Ms. Shoemaker for her many years of service to students and the community.)**

11. Adjournment

K. Hoben/C.Savage

A final thanks from Mr. Demaray and all of the admin to our Co-Chairs and their efforts this past school year. We appreciate your involvement with your children's school! Have a great summer!

PS:

Prom: Ticket sales & applications are now closed & final #'s have been sent to the venue. No changes can be made to our numbers.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks will arrive in early June and will go out to students who have already purchased during their homeroom class. Once they are given out, any extras will be available for sale through School Cash Online. Please watch your email for the SCO notice that a new item (yearbook) has been added in early-mid June.