

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council Minutes

Wednesday May 3, 2023

5:30 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

- A busy month of April for the school!
 - Iftar Dinner - massive success with over 200 staff, students, community members celebrating the end of Ramadan. Ms. Shah & student leaders made this happen!
 - Battle of the Grades - Homeroom and Grade level challenges and a huge dodgeball match (thanks to Ms. Batty's Leadership class) was a fun way to end off the week.
 - Seven BHS students had an opportunity to go to DECA International in Florida.
 - Earth Day cleanup around the school.
 - May 18th Concert with our music program - thanks to Mr. Barber.

- Relay for Life (Business Leadership) raises money for the Canadian Cancer Society. It kicks off May 9th! Registrations open the next day. The leadership teams have already begun to raise
 - Follow on Instagram @bhsrelay2023
 - The event will be held on June 8 from noon to 8 pm
 - Norman the duck is the mascot!
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Boys Rugby
- Lacrosse (boys and girls)
- Track & Field
- Badminton
- Girls Soccer
- Intramural basketball tournament begins next week

4. School Update

J. MacKenzie

- Of note is that the Iftar grew from approximately 80 people pre-Covid to over 250 people.
- Over 300 staff and students participated in Earth Day - lots of clean up!
- Staffing has grown to 87 staff going into 2023-34
 - New ELL (English Language Learning) program at BHS
 - Breakfast program will have a partnership with Longo's moving forward
 - Prom updates (payments due May 10th - see website for more info.)
- Graduation (see website for more information) - it is an EARLY morning event!

5. Exams

- An Exam schedule will be sent out to parents/guardians tomorrow
- Students must attend their exams
- Mitigating circumstances can be brought to the attention of a student's Vice Principal

6. OSSLT

- Results from the ministry will be provided at a later undetermined date (likely June)
- Options for students who are not successful could: 1. to take OLC in summer school, 2. retake the test and/or 3. take OLC in the next school year.

5. Health and Safety

- We will be running a Lockdown Drill at the end of May
- Students will be shown a video on Lockdown procedures/expectations
- We have had two of three required fire drills for this semester

6. Positive School Climate Update

J. Demaray

- May 9th kickoff for Relay - a positive event for ALL students.
- This year's theme is tropical.
- Thursday June 8th from 11AM-8PM
- DIDAC event - students are going to visit some of our family of schools to discuss the dangers of vaping.

7. Grade 9 EQAO

J. Demaray

- Math EQAO is held the last week before exams (June 14th and 15th).
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8. Other Business

K. Hoben/C.Savage

9. Adjournment

K. Hoben/C.Savage

Updates:

- **Prom** – ALL forms and payment are due on **MAY 10th**

Prom website – info, links to all forms & SCO & sponsors (businesses to support) are all here: <https://sites.google.com/ddsb.ca/bhs-prom-2023/prom-forms>

Guidance:

- **SLAM (Student Leaders and Mentors)** Applications for current grade 10 and 11 students are coming out this week!
- Student Leaders help run grade 9 transition events and deliver community building curriculum once a week for semester 1 to their assigned grade 9 homeroom
- Grade 9 Tours for Internal and External Grade 8s are happening the week of May 29th
- Graduation June 29th, 9:00 am start time at Iroquois Park
- More information for Graduates for arrival times will be coming in the upcoming weeks.
- We are asking for a limit of 5 guests for each family, no tickets will be required this year.
- **Volunteer Hours for Grade 12s**– were due May 1st.
- **Grad Fees** – were due May 1st.