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School Community Council - MINUTES

Tuesday April 4, 2023

6:00 pm Google Meet

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

The 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

- Welcome to all new members that joined us tonight
- Mrs. Bratensevic unable to be at the meeting tonight

3. Student Parliament Update

- Update What's happened at BHS since February
- Valentine's Day was a success Red/White/Pink Day, how well do you know your friend contest on the stage, and motivational messages put on lockers to welcome students in the school
- Upcoming Spirit Week Battle of the Grades (April 17th 21st)
 - Grade level challenges (trivia, minute-to-win-it, dodgeball, dress up day)
- Sport Success @ BHS
 - Swimming, Girls Hockey, Boys Hockey OFSAA Metalists
 - Boys Basketball Gold
 - New teams starting up: rugby, badminton, Track and Field, Girls Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Girls Lacrosse
- Clubs
 - DECA recent Toronto trip was a success! Erika and Alison qualified for the international Florida trip.

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- Games Club New club that takes after school, all students welcome
- BHS Winds (Band) Recently participated in the Ontario Band Association Music Festival
- Art Journaling Club Afterschool club with Ms. Brunshaw _
- Transgender Day of Visibility was on March 31st
- Pink Shirt Day was on February 22nd
- March Break March 10th 19th Nice time to rest and recharge
- Iftar Dinner Upcoming event on April 13th Students, staff and family are invited to join. Tickets are available to purchase on School Cash Online until Tuesday, April 11th.

4. School Update

- We are a growing school Projected number of students: 1425
- School is now beginning the timetabling process. New students coming from out of the area will be able to register at a later date. There are also some new courses that will be offered next year (ex. Queer Studies and more Locally Developed course options).
- Not in a position for surplusing teachers this year (surplus declaration date is this Thursday).
- Moving into IPRC's For this process we will be piloting the Parent Teacher Software. This means parents are able to sign-up for their IPRC by logging in just as you would for parent teacher interviews.
- Parent Teacher Interviews This year's time frame (6-8pm) was set by the Board, and based on feedback from the community they may look into revising these time frames for next year.
- Music Department Upcoming concert on May 18th.
- Community Clean Up Day on April 21st Takes place in the afternoon. You will see students out in the community cleaning up some garbage.
- Hamilton Trip CWS Department
- Relay for Life This will be coming up in late May A great opportunity to raise money for cancer research and to continue to build a positive community.
- Literacy Updates -OSSLT
 - OSSLT has begun. Session A was today April 4th and Session B will be tomorrow April 5th
 - This week students have an extended Period 1 on April 4th and 5th (test days) and a shortened Period 1 on April 3rd and 5th to accommodate for the number of time students need to write the OSSLT.
 - Results will be made available by EQAO at a later date (TBD by EQAO)
 - Students who are not successful will need to write the test again next year or take the literacy course.
 - EQAO Math All Grade 9 students will write this before formal exams. This will happen in a regular 75 minute class.

6. Report Cards

- Mid Term Report Cards will be available to parents on April 28th
- Final Report Cards will be available to parents on July 7th _
- Parents are always welcome to reach out to teachers or the admin team if there are any questions or concerns.
- Exam schedule in June As we prepare for Grade 12s to graduate, they will write their exams a bit early so that their marks are ready to be sent to colleges and/or universities.
- 7. Health and Safety
 - Concerns about traffic: We continue to be in close contact with DRPS, Bi-Law and Facilities
 - More messaging is going to be sent out to parents about safety concerns around parking, traffic, and student drop offs. Please use our kiss and ride section on BHS property to drop your student off rather than stopping on the city road to let students out.
 - Recent Safety Drills Last week we had a Shelter in Place as well as a Fire Drill.
 - Up-Coming Safety Drills: Hold and Secure, Lockdown, and a Fire Drill (we have now run 1 out of

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3 Fire Drills that will happen this semester).

- 8. Positive School Climate Update
- Thank you to parents, staff, and students for filling out the School Climate Survey.
- We had a really good turnout with this year's survey. Once we have all of the data back, the Positive School Climate Committee will meet and use the results to help make the school a more inclusive and positive school for future years.
- Grade Level Assemblies Thursday, April 13th in the afternoon. Hello Hope (Aubrey) will be presenting to all grade levels during Period 3 (Grade 9&10) and Period 4 (11&12).
- Parent Community Presentation Hello Hope May 3rd (virtual presentation).
- 9. Other Business
- 10.. Adjournment

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Reminder: The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 5:30 pm followed by a virtual presentation by Hello Hope.

Updates:

Guidance Department:

- Bears Breakfast is still in need of donations through School Cash Online.
- Summer school is available to sign up in myBlueprint through the Continuing Education tab. If your child indicated they were taking summer school on their planner they need to sign up asap.
- Getting ready for graduation in Guidance! June 20th at 9 am. We do not have information yet as to the number of guests that can attend per person. Stay tuned! Grad Fees for each graduate through School Cash Online and Community Service Hours are due May 1st.
- Grade 8 Tours will be happening in person in May. More information to follow.
- SLAM Leader Applications will open and close in April if your grade 11 or 12 child wants to be a leader for a grade 9 homeroom for semester 1, encourage them to apply. Forms will be available on their Guidance Counsellor's google classrooms.

Prom:

- Same model as last year
- Location: Deer Creek

Prom Ticket Update:

Prom tickets on sale – on sale now through SCO.

BHS Students must pay for a ticket AND complete Prom Form to be allowed to attend Prom.

Guest tickets - guest must fill out Prom Guest Form and send the VP form to their VP and be approved before

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BHS student will be able to purchase their guest ticket – approved guest – BHS students can purchase guest tickets through SCO after **April 4**th

Encourage students to use our sponsors!

BHS Prom Sponsors (so far):

Norma Reed - Oshawa Centre - 905-240-5796

Brooklin Floral - <u>https://www.brooklinfloral.ca/</u>

Moonlight Limousine – <u>http://www.moonlightlimousine.ca/</u> - use Booking code **BHS23

**Moore's – save \$50 - see Ms. Dean for code