

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council

Tuesday February 4, 2025

6:00 pm Google

Meet

Minutes

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

S. Brown

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. Student Parliament Update

Rachel Bureau

○ Maddie and Mariya presenting

- Holiday Week review (talent show, Giving Tree fundraiser, best friend trivia, spirit days, elf on the shelf, door decorating contest...etc. Lots of involvement from staff and students.)
- Motivational cards (Given to students prior to examinations). Cards distributed to all classes with mental wellness focused motivational messages - very well received by students!
- sports updates (very busy - badminton, varsity boys and girls hockey, rugby intramurals, handball intramurals, curling, volleyball, swimming, etc.)
- Club updates - Bears Care, Dance Club, Black Student Alliance upcoming presentation for Black History Month, Backstage Bears (drama rehearsals), DECA, Prom committee continues to plan

- Upcoming events: Valentine's Day, support for BSA assembly, Battle of the grades are always popular!

3. Administration Introduction

J. Sims Jackson

- Ms. Sims Jackson - Quick intro to committee re: previous experiences at a wide variety of other secondary schools in Durham. We are fortunate to have her join BHS.

4. Principal's Report

F. Aziz

- Ms. Mackenzie absent
- BSA led by Ms. Dore and Mr. Stennette - upcoming assembly
- Feb. 14th is a PD Day
- Feb. 17th - Family day
- March Break is March 7-14th (earlier than usual)
- March 31 - OSSTF PD Day
- Progress reports and Parent Teacher Interviews occur in March
- Yearbook - still available for purchase
- OSSLT - Spring Test Dates

5. Literacy Updates -OSSLT

F. Aziz

- April 8-9 for those who had deferred or who were unsuccessful will write in the library.
- Ms. Shah, English Curriculum Lead - will have a Literacy Support period in library with Mr. Beggs - specifically for students who need extra support in reading and writing skills leading up to the test, and in their other subjects.
- Results will come approximately 2 months later

6. Update from Guidance

N. Morgan Cook

- See below and on [BHS Guidance website](#)

7. Report Cards/ Mark Reporting

J. Sims Jackson

- Report cards wrapping up and available via Parent Portal
- After School - Math support beginning soon
- 2-3PM A.R. supports for students who need extra support in Math

8. Other Business

S. Brown

- A question about Artificial Intelligence - Mr. Beggs offered an explanation of where the school and Board are at as both teachers and students struggle to navigate it to ensure academic integrity.

9. Adjournment

S. Brown

Reminder: The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday **April 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

Information Items:

Guidance Updates:

For Grade 9 - 11 Students - Course Selection opens up on **February 11th and closes February 25th**. Students plan/submit their courses using myBlueprint.

Course Selection Presentations - February 5th in classes

Grade 8 Parent Night - February 6th (virtual presentation - registration is required)

Grade 9 - 11 Parent Night - February 13th (virtual presentation - registration is required)

https://ddsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g5iXSsFkSg6o0aWxJaQoDw

Grade 12 Students - if you are looking to return to BHS for a semester, a Request to Return form is posted on Mr. Knowles Google Classroom

Course Selection Enrollment Limits - due to availability of the teacher, room and resources we have set enrollment limits on all of the grade 10 - 12 technology classes (auto, construction, technological design, culinary, photography). If your child gets a notice on their myBlueprint that the enrollment limit has been met, have them choose the tech course as one of their ALTERNATES. We then have the students fill in a google form to let us know what technology course they would like to take next year and when we are balancing timetables in the summer we ensure equitable distribution of the technology classes.

Grade 11 Auto - we do not have grade 10 Auto. Students wanting to choose grade 10 auto will choose grade 11 auto instead. This allows students several opportunities to achieve the requirement to take grade 12 auto.

Co-op - two credit co-op is available to grade 11s and 12s. Four credit co-op is available to grade 12s.

Course Applications - there are applications for the following courses available on the grade appropriate Guidance Counsellor's google classroom: **PLF4M1** (athletic leadership), **BOH4M1** (business leadership), **DCO3O9/GLN4O9** (co-operative education), and **any SHSM program** that we offer (culinary, automotive, sports and environment).

SHSM Programs - students interested in SHSM programming can indicate their interest on their myBlueprint account. They are also encouraged to talk to the SHSM Lead teachers and their Guidance Counsellors. There are a bundle of required courses (including a 2 credit co-op) that they must achieve to attain the red seal on their OSSD.

Leadership Classes - due to the high demand for these classes, if a student is interested in a leadership course in grade 12, they must choose either PLF4M1 or BOH4M1.

Summer School - summer school registrations open up at the SAME TIME as Course Selections. Students that have been unsuccessful in a course and are in need of a Credit Recovery program, students unsuccessful on the OSSLT and wish to take the OLC4O1, and students looking to take an accelerated course are encouraged to sign up starting Feb 11th. There are in person options (Sinclair for subject specific) or BHS as well as online options.

If a student wishes to take an accelerated course, they do not select that course in their myBlueprint Course Selections. Instead they put another course in its place.

Yearbook - Yearbook sales will reopen as the company just changed the due date for our final #'s! They will be on sale until **April 11th**. Yearbooks will be delivered to homerooms in June.

Prom - Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ Deer Creek. Tickets are \$115 and will be on sale March 1-31 through SCO only for BHS students. There are NO REFUNDS on prom tickets.

Prom Guests - BHS students must have paid for their own ticket, submitted their form AND submitted their guest form and their guest's VP must have submitted the guest approval form to be able to buy a guest ticket. These are all due by March 31st. Prom guests must be currently enrolled at a high school and cannot have previously graduated. If the student graduated or were eligible to graduate from a high school other than Brooklin in 2024, they are not permitted to attend the 2025 BHS prom. In other words, guests must be current gr. 11 BHS students, or students of other high schools currently enrolled in grades 11 or 12. VP approval is required for all guests. Guest tickets will be available between April 3-17 through SCO only.

BHS Spring Carnival & Market - May 23-24, 2025. Carnival games, food trucks, craft & food vendors. More info to come. This will be a fundraiser, donating to the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation to help support students who face financial barriers to success, providing essentials that they need.