

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday April 2, 2024

6:00 pm

Google Meet

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment K. Hobin

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 on human rights and equity, and are **safe**, welcoming, respectful, equitable, **accessible**, inclusive, and free from discrimination

2. Welcome K. Hoben

3. Update from Central SCC K. Hoben

- Kim Hoben attended the Board SCC event about resources and pathways, OYAP, Mental Health, etc. and will be shared with the community
- Principal's discussed their world.
- Breakout rooms
- Of note, Donald A Wilson SS has a Guest speaker on May 9th (Sam Demma from Pickering)

4. Student Parliament Update Rachel Bureau

- Since February, Valentine's Day events have gone very well. Brady shared a video made by the student council - students wrote messages on each other's locker doors on sticky notes promoting positive community.
- Semi-formal on Feb. 15th mostly run by Ms. Shoemaker's DECA team. The theme was "Hollywood".
- Upcoming events:
 - Iftar dinner - lots of Student Council members, teachers and students involved.
 - Battle of the Grades April 15-19th (Homeroom Challenges and lunchtime

competitions). A dodgeball game will be near the end of the week. The Gr. 10s (this year's Gr. 11s) won last year. It is a very popular event.

- OFSAA swimming, girls hockey, boys hockey, lacrosse, and boys rugby.
- Clubs at BHS - Brooklin Singers, meets Thursdays at lunch.
- Spring production will be May 13-14.
- Games Club meets Thursdays.
- DYAC (youth drug awareness) has met elementary schools to spread awareness.

5. School Update

J. MacKenzie

- Staffing - projected to be 1420 next year (we shall see about getting more staff next year)...but we have a space "crunch" due to inadequate portables across the DDSB
- Timetabling has begun for next year (and we still have registrations - which will continue until next September...this does create challenges.
- DECA - April 25- May 2, 2024 - going to Anaheim, CA (USA) for the International competition. Fundraisers are ongoing - see social media.
- Relay for Life - going again this year June 3rd, 2024 (last year we raised about \$130, 000. The wildfires did cause a challenge last year - hopefully all will be well last year.
- Durham - specifically BHS hosted OFSAA this year....a massive event....it was run very professionally and all truly enjoyed this amazing experience. Girls came in 2nd and Boys 4th in OFSAA.
- Music - going to Motor City jazz festival
- ISS - our PLP students participated in bocce ball at the local Special Olympics, and later a PLP dance!

6. Literacy Updates -OSSLT

J. Demaray

- Second session for unsuccessful students from the fall, or any who could not attend last fall. April 18th and 19th at BHS.

7. Report Cards

J. Demaray

- April 23rd they will be available.

8. Health and Safety

F. Aziz

- Parking lot safety - some vehicles going too fast, and paying attention to the directional arrows around end of school bell time.
- We DO NOT have sufficient parking for all students who want to. Students who do not have a pass (notably some Gr. 11 students) who are parking without a pass must find alternative means of transportation.
- Some littering and vandalism are sadly reported around the local community. Please remind your students who attend BHS to adhere to school rules and community standards of behaviour.

9. Other Business

K. Hoben

- A "Be Kind" Bear of the Month has begun...we shall be announcing our March winners.

10. Adjournment

K. Hoben

Reminder: The next virtual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday May 7 , 2024 at 6.00 pm**

Updates:

OTHER NOTES

Guidance:

1. All **Course Requests** for next year are done. We cannot make any changes to the Course Requests until we have secured a working timetable for the following year. Hopefully, this happens by June. Timetable changes are always encouraged during the first two weeks of school. Students will not receive their timetables until the end of the summer. The date is to be determined. Throughout the summer, Counsellors balance their schedules, update courses based on summer school success and register new students.
2. **Summer School** – if your child has signed up for Summer School, they will not hear from DCE (Durham Continuing Education) about the course set up and accessing the course until **a few days before the course begins**. They will receive an email to their student gmail account with login instructions. Please encourage them to check that email often.
3. **Grad Fee** – please have this fee paid by May 1st on School Cash Online
4. All **volunteer hours** are due by May 1st as well as the **Online Opt Out Form** – these can be handed in to guidance
5. **Graduation Accommodation Information** – in early June, a form will be sent out to parents of graduates for them to fill in if they have any accessibility issues that need to be addressed for the graduation event. This form will be due by June 21st. Graduation is June 27th at 9 am at Iroquois Park Sports Complex. More information to follow.
6. **Graduation seating** – the maximum number of guests able to attend for each student (including parental unit) is **5**. The fire code at Iroquois limits us to the number of guests/staff/students we can have. If you have 6, then you need to find a family that was only using 4 and “use” their spot. Please work this out amongst the BHS community. Managing those requests is not something that we can facilitate.
7. **Prom Sponsorship** – if any parent is interested in sponsoring a student’s prom ticket, please let Natalie Morgan-Cook know at natalie.morgan@ddsb.ca. We always have students that are quietly in need of such generous donations.
8. **Bears Breakfast** - we are also always looking for monetary donations to our weekly breakfast program. Please donate through School Cash Online.

Prom:

1. **Prom website:** <https://sites.google.com/ddsb.ca/bhs-prom-2024/home> - links to rules, forms, and all other information can be found here. Any questions, please contact Ms. Dean
2. **Prom tickets and forms for BHS students:** Still several students who have not yet paid or submitted forms. Only students who have submitted everything will be permitted to purchase a guest ticket.
3. **Prom guest tickets & forms:** Guest tickets are on sale starting tomorrow, April 3rd – only available for students who have submitted everything (their form, guest form, VP approval). Guest forms - there was a guest form to submit and a link to send to the guest’s VP for approval.

Prom Fundraiser:

1. Krispy Kreme Prom fundraiser – pre-order sales **END TODAY (Tues. April 2nd)**. Sales go to support Prom. Pick up April 29th @BHS – lunch or after school.
<https://ddsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/159485/102/False/True>

Prom Sponsors:

1. **Lavish Salon & Spa** - book your appointment now! mention BHS and get 15% off haircuts, colour services and extensions (June 1-13)
2. **One Love One Dream** - discount offered on dresses & suits - mention BHS and receive 15% off prom

dress or \$30 off suit rental.

3. **Moonlight Limo** - use code BHS2024 when booking

4. **Brooklin Floral** - order your flowers/corsages now!

Yearbooks:

1. **Yearbook Sales are closed.** Yearbooks were on sale from the beginning of September to the end of January.

2. **Extra yearbooks?:** Any extra yearbooks will be available through School Cash Online late in June. Please watch SCO for emails.

3. **When will students get them?** Students will receive their yearbooks in their homeroom sometime in early-mid June.