

# BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Community Council

Tuesday April 7, 2026

6:00 pm Google Meet

### 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. Welcome

S. Brown

### 3. Student Parliament Update

C. Mapp & J. Klir

#### S. Hajela (student)

- Semi-formal dance and Iftar dinner were a great success
- Coming up: Battle of the Grades April 13 to 24
  - o Merch Monday – merch from BHS or other
  - o Wear you Colour day – each grade assigned a colour
  - o Bear Hunt
  - o Activity Day – activities throughout the school
  - o PJ Day
  - o Raffle
  - o Kahoot on BHS History
  - o Dodgeball – grade vs grade

### 4. School Update

J. MacKenzie

- PLP Classes
  - students engaged in Transition to Work (transitioning out of BHS to employability skills)
  - Special Olympics – track and field coming soon
- Yearbook sales now closed – very few available at end of year
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bear Fair – Mr. Davies has been taking over

- Leadership class has been involved in planning semi formal, Krispy Kreme sales, Teacher-student volleyball, Bear Fair
  - Music Dept – Snoopy the musical – sold out!
    - Mr. Sivitilli created a video of the musical
    - New, updated video equipment purchased for future use
    - Music night May 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Canada’s Wonderland participation coming up
  - Earth Day Clean up – date TBD
  - Girls volleyball successes
  - Sr Girls and Boys Hockey – LOSSA champions
  - Curling Team – almost made LOSSA
  - Lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, track and field are all coming up this Spring
  - Notes from Guidance
    - Grad gathering June 10<sup>th</sup>
    - In the Cafeteria, starting at 12:45pm – light lunch will be provided; professional decoration
    - more info to come
    - No caf service that day
    - Free to every grade 12
    - Voting for Valedictorian plus other award voting on that day
    - Invitations will be sent through student email
    - Grad will take place at Iroquois park – no high heels due to turf
  - Staffing for next year – timetabling is tight
    - Will provide as much programming as we can
    - Some small cuts
    - Guidance will work to ensure timetable will work best for our students
  - New wraps around the school
    - Worn ones have been replaced
    - New custodial wrap
  - Gym floor refinished over March Break
  - Long jump pit being installed by the field
  - New up-to-date tech equipment purchased – cameras and video cameras
  - Electronic babies purchased for Social Sciences
- Question asked regarding when the Grad ceremony will finish. Response: We will be done by about 11:00am as Ajax High School’s Grad takes place after ours.

5. Digital Reality Check

J. Beggs

6. Literacy Updates -OSSLT

F. Aziz

- OSSLT Spring session will take place next week on April 15th and 16th
- this is only for students who are not yet successful on the test
- students are to report directly to the Library for 8:00am on both days
- supports have been taking place
  - After School Literacy (Mr. Halsall) has been running for about 6 weeks
  - In-School withdrawal (Mr. Johnson) has also been taking place
- reminders have been sent to all families taking part
- Practice test link was also sent

7. Report Cards

J. Sims Jackson

- Will need OEN number to access
- Cannot be sent out electronically for privacy/security reasons
- Students who have turned 18 – will receive report cards directly unless student indicates parents may receive

8. Exams

J. Sims Jackson

- Schedule is up on website
  - o In class exams, period 3 and 4 for grade 12 students, will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>
  - o Remainder of exams – June 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> – period 1,2,3,4 order
  - o Grade 12 Credit Completion – June 19<sup>th</sup>
  - o Other grades Credit Completion – June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - o Students in school for exam only or remain in cafeteria if waiting for bus
  - o Students with IEPs - accommodations will be in place in consultation with student preference
  - o Phones, watches, AI glasses (non-prescription) are NOT permitted in exam space
  - o Start promptly at 8:15am

9. Other Business

S. Brown

a) Question about Bears' cupboard and when it is available.

Response:

- Bears breakfast is on Tues and Thurs but snacks available in Guidance – AR as well
- Bears cupboard – available on as needed basis
- Admin has vouchers for cafeteria also
- We always try to make sure no one goes hungry during the day

b) moving to a door locking system like elementary

- Key pad outside
- Buzz in to the office
- New cameras on exterior
- Signage on the front
- Call button at both the front and portable side entrance
- No imminent threat has been identified – we are just moving in alignment with what has been in place for elementary for years and moving forward with the times
- Question – Is this Board or Province initiative?
  - o Board has been working on it for some time
  - o Some schools in West end have had this system for some time
  - o BHS has paid for part to get it rolling

10. Adjournment

S. Brown

Updates:

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 1<sup>st</sup> on School Cash Online
4. All **volunteer hours** are due by May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20th. Graduation is June 25th at 9 am at Iroquois Park Sports Complex. More information to follow.
6. As with last year, there is an astroturf base covering the concrete/ice surface at Iroquois Park Sports Complex. As a result, there will be **no food or drink** (other than bottled water) allowed on the turf surface. Furthermore, the turf cannot have any pointy or sharp objects come into contact with it so we will have to be a **flip flop, flat or wedge heeled, non-stiletto dress shoe graduation**.
7. **Graduation Seating**: Due to the increased size of our graduating class, students are limited to **5** guests each. We must remain in accordance with the Fire Code of Iroquois Sports Complex which 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. If more guests arrive than we have space for, they will not be able to enter the arena.
8. **Grad Gathering** - please have your child **save the date for June 10th at 12:45 pm in the BHS Cafeteria**. We are hosting a grad gathering to celebrate our graduates. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. There will be a photobooth students can use to take pictures as well as other photo areas set up. We will be handing out grad gowns that day, celebrating the students through student voted on awards and will be reviewing the protocol for graduation. We look forward to hosting them for the entire period 4 on June 10th.
9. **Bears Breakfast** - we are also always looking for monetary donations to our weekly breakfast program. Please donate through School Cash Online.

#### 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.