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School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday November 7, 2023

6:00 pm
Google
Meet

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

K. Hoben/C. Savage

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

K. Hoben/C.Savage

3. Student Parliament Update

Rachel Bureau

○ November Slideshow shared by Student Parliament leaders:

- Halloween- huge success (spooky grams, pet costume contest, mummy wrap, Halloween trivia, dressing up by staff & students. Very well attended and in which many participated.)
- Bears Scare Hunger - also a success - donations go to Feed the Need Durham. 970 lbs of feed - 800+ meals for the organization.
- OSSLT Prep Ongoing (Test on Nov. 14-15)
- Honor Roll Awards Nov. 27th
- DELF French Examinations upcoming
- Sports ongoing (Varsity Girls & Boys Hockey tryouts); senior & junior girls volleyball; curling

- Congratulations to Girls Field Hockey team which attended OFSAA; LOSSA wins for Cross Country
- Next Student Parliament meeting Nov. 13th (Still TBD - maybe a denim day? more information soon.)

4. Principal's Report

J. MacKenzie

- Safe Arrival school messenger - an issue with the system, Admin have been working with the vendor to solve the issue. Apologies for calls which may have not been accurate.
- Semi-formal dance approved for a tentative date on February 14th (not necessarily Valentine's themed).
- Arts News- drama has begun working on two productions. "Play On" is the main production which has begun - once ready - more announcements will be forthcoming.
- Music/band will be putting on feeder school concerts.
- Dec. 14th Brooklin High Winter themed concert for our community.
- Bears "breakfast" - is ongoing. Note - donations from Cobs bread has been helpful to our students in need. (Tuesdays and Thursdays in our Guidance Dept.).

5. Guidance:

Gr. 12 Parents night online - well attended.

- BHS College Fair - local colleges visited our school.
- University Fair - over 30 universities from Ontario and Eastern Canada visited.
- Grad Photos are booked Nov. 27th to Dec. 8th (Feb 5-7 are retake days.)
- Grad fees are 29.95\$ paid via School Cash Online.
- Grad gowns - sizing needed ASAP! See Mr. Howlett.
- Honour Roll Certificates will be handed out in HRoom. Bears Breakfast will be Nov. 29th in the Cafeteria for subject award winners and top overall.
- University and College Application websites are OPEN - so please complete ASAP. Guidance offers support if needed.

6. Literacy Updates -OSSLT

J. Demaray

- 10 weeks of OSSLT prep is wrapping up. (80+ students in attendance).
- Gr. 10 students (or Gr. 11-12 re-takes) tried the practice test last week - and is still open for the remainder of this week.
- Literacy "Blitz" presentation by period 3 teachers to all Gr. 10s - tips and tricks for the OSSLT.
- Next Tues & Weds (Nov. 14 & 15) the OSSLT-so the week will have a modified schedule involving extended and shortened classes. The schedule will be shared with students during the Literacy Blitz.
- Minor changes to the test - mostly in the sense that students have some limited choice within the test questions/readings.

7. Report Cards

J. Demaray

- Finalized and up to Parent Portal next Wed. Nov. 15th.

8. Parent Teacher Interviews

J. Demaray

- Feedback re: parent teacher interviews.
 - Generally enjoyable and well organized.
 - Parking, as always, is an issue.
 - Limited privacy in open concept and rather loud in the cafeteria.
 - *tip for parents (don't book back to back) perhaps communicate this to parents in advance?

9. January Exams

- Exams will be part of summative evaluations this year.
- Gr. 9s exams will occur this year
- January 24-30th, 2024
- January 31, 2023 will be “credit recovery” day for those whose credit may not be entirely complete
- Feb. 1 is the first day of Semester 2
- *These are key dates for final evaluations - parents and families are encouraged not to take vacation time during this important time of the academic year.
- Exams are run essentially at the same time for ALL DDSB secondary schools and is posted in our DDSB calendar

J. Demaray

10. Positive School Climate Update

J. Demaray

- No report.

11. EQAO Numeracy

F. Aziz

- This test is held at the end of the semester.
- After school support program will begin Nov. 28th (T & Th) and run up until January 16th. Over 30 students have signed up. Contact the school if you child would still like to join.

12. Grade 9 Admin School Conduct Visits

F. Aziz

- Concerns around our Gr. 9 student behaviour - hence in conjunction with the SLAM (Student leaders and mentor) program, admin visited all Gr. 9 classes in regards to a variety of topics such as: what do you want to “B” (as a person); impact vs intent; human rights, etc.

13. Other Business

K. Hoben/C.Savage

14. Adjournment

K. Hoben/C.Savage

Reminder: The next virtual meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday February 6, 2024** at 6:00 pm