

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday November 5, 2024

6:00 pm
Google
Meet

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

K. Hoben

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

- a. Welcome to all attendees – notably our guest speaker Paul Wallace from Durham Regional Health.

3. Student Parliament Update

J. Beggs

- a. Hall-o-week event – lots of great events, spooky grams, movie/music, pet costume contest, mummy wrap, costume-orange & black day, department costume contests – very high participation rate from all grades.
- b. Bears Scare Hunger Food Drive – Oct 23 to Nov 4
- c. Club and sport update – lots of great wins for many – Cross Country OFSAA Gold, Junior boys football consolation finalists, Novice boys 7s rugby LOSSA Gold.
- d. Clubs – Model UN starting, Brain Games Science Investigators, DECA, Winter production for drama
- e. Upcoming – council meeting will discuss some new spirit day, team building activities and school spirit heading into the winter

4. Mental Health Supports For Families

Paula Wallace

Durham Region Health Department

- a. Mental Health support presentation for families (LINK?)
 - i. Definition of Mental Health
 - ii. Why is it important?
 - iii. What can I do to support my child's mental health? (Resilience)
 - iv. Video re: resilience
 - v. Parent/Caregiver self-care

5. Principal's Report

J. MacKenzie

- a. See notes **at bottom of page** in regards to:
 1. Grad Photos
 2. Grad Fees
 3. University Application deadlines
 - a. See Guidance Google Classroom for specific information
 4. ISS (inclusive school services) visited Pingles Farm, Sunset Grill, Royal Winter Fair - all with a focus on transitional training and real life skills.
 5. Holiday Market will be going on as holiday's approach - similar events to the Festival of Lights - but more of a craft show.
 6. Yearbooks - sales only on Sem. 1, and MUST be ordered beforehand - very few extras in June.
 7. Take your child to work day is tomorrow - Nov 6th.
 8. Junior Awards on Nov 22nd - small breakfast and awards.
 9. Arts - production January 30-31, 2025 as well as Winter assembly talent show, Music festivals upcoming too.

6. Literacy Updates -OSSLT

F. Aziz

- a. OSSLT will be next week Nov 12-13 for all Gr. 10s - students must be present on BOTH days.
- b. A small alteration of the schedule to accommodate the morning classes.
- c. OSSLT Practice Test - access is now available.
- d. After school literacy program ends this Thursday
- e. Practice materials for Gr. 10 teachers
- f. One on one support continues

7. Weather Safety Plan Drill

F. Aziz

- a. Students on the second floor, as well as students in classrooms with a window must go to a safer location on the internal sections of the school - double up in classrooms and in hallways.
- b. Wish us luck! It's the first time attempting this.

8. Report Cards

J. Demaray

- a. Go out Nov. 14th (mid-term) at 3PM via the parent portal. Contact teachers/admin with questions.

9. January Exams

J. Demaray

- a. There should be no vacations during examination time. If there are conflicts - contact admin/guidance VERY early. See the school website for details as the calendar is released.
- b. Exams are Jan 22, 23, 24, 27, 2025
- c. Sem. 2 begins on Jan 30th, 2025

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| 10. Math EQAO | J. Demaray |
| a. Gr. 9 EQAO grade will be counted as a portion of their evaluation for their Mathematics course. | |
| b. Weighting is coming from the ministry of education very soon - communication will be out about this ASAP. | |
| c. Written in the week leading up to exams. | |
| 11. Human Rights and Anti-Oppression Committee | J. Demaray |
| a. New committee - stay tuned for invitations from | |
| 12. Other Business | K. Hoben |
| 13. Adjournment | K. Hoben |

Reminder: The next virtual meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday February 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

Reminders and Information Items:

Grad Pictures:

- Appointments are now open for your students to book their individual grad photo sessions beginning November 25th (we are scheduled until December 6th and will open appointments as interest permits)
- Students can book by visiting www.bookmygrad.ca.
- Once there, they can select "Book at your School".
- Our code to register is: Your school code is KBI
- Flyer with info attached

University/College Deadlines:

- Reminder of the upcoming deadlines for college and university applications
- **January 15th** is the deadline for university applications
- **February 1st** is the deadline for college applications

Update from our ISS Department

Our PLP and SSP classes participated in a successful trip to the Royal Winter Fair on November 4th. Feedback from students has been very positive. We are in communications to continue this trip next year but in partnership with another school to create extended social opportunities.

Our PLP classes also participated in an awesome life skills outing to Sunset Grill where they were able to plan ahead, participate in transit training by utilizing Presto Cards on Durham Transit Buses, order their own food, eat within the restaurant, and travel home. Amazing way to spend a Friday morning.

Additionally, our PLP classes have also been to Pingles Farm and the Safety Village.

Upcoming, our PLP classes will be attending the Special Olympics Basketball Qualifier and a multi-school movie day collaboration to see Moana 2 at Landmark Cinemas.

Brooklin Holiday Market:

- We are desperately looking for 2 or more people to play **Santa** at the Brooklin Holiday Market on Dec. 7 & 8 between 9:30am-4:30pm each day. Multiple people could share the task - 4 people for a 1/2 day each? We can't have a Holiday Market without a Santa! Please let us know if you can help!
- We are looking to borrow some Christmas inflatables and pre-lit Christmas trees that you don't mind lending. Reach out to tricia.dean@ddsb.ca or drop off at BHS main office.
- We are also looking for sponsors - our students will be contacting many community businesses shortly!
- Watch for tickets to go on sale shortly!
- Approx. 70 vendors and still growing!
- Come and enjoy the Vendors Market, the Holiday Fun Zone (with fun for all ages!), a Candy Cane Café (treats and hot drinks), enjoy a stroll through the Christmas lights, take pictures along the way, and even more fun!
- Link to the Brooklin Holiday Market:
<https://sites.google.com/ddsbstudent.ca/brooklinholidaymarket/vendors-map>

Yearbooks - on sale during **1st semester only**. Available through SCO.

Prom - theme "*Enchanted*" - June 5, 2025 @ Deer Creek.

Grade 9 - Take Your Kids to Work Day

Wednesday November 6, is grade 9 take a student to work day, all grade 9 students are encouraged to attend a workplace on this date.