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Virtual School Community Council

Minutes - Tuesday March 2, 2021

6:30 -7:30 pm

Google Meet

1. Welcome L. Hayes/C. Savage
  - a. Quick overview of the agenda, including noting presentation at end of meeting.
  - b. Some agenda items will be updated based on recent information from the DDSB
  
2. Student Parliament Update Matthew and Sara
  - a. Valentine's Day initiative – online contests (candy jar guess, Kahoot trivia & online escape room)
  - b. Black History Month – YouTube video playlist, morning mix of Black artists, celebrating Black artists in our school, Black Canadian Heroes posts, recent graduate posted a spoken word video re: Black History
  - c. Pink Shirt Day – anti-bullying event; pink masks, Dominos Pizza fundraiser for Relay for Life – coordinated through Student Leadership classes; raising almost \$1,000.00
  
3. Principal's Report W. Palmer
  - a. Good News
    - i. Feb. 4, 2021 – Grade 8 Parents' night- 350 participants – it went well, lots of participation, despite it being a virtual only event on Zoom Webinar
    - ii. Edge Imaging Grad photos getting completed; approximately still 50 students yet to be completed- by mid-May this should be completed to be included on the Grad composite photo; emails to parents are forthcoming; March 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> appointments can be booked at the Pop-Up studio.
    - iii. Model UN Club ongoing, virtually – BHS linking up with Sinclair SS and events being planned in April
    - iv. DECA Business Club – ongoing virtually, with 50+ members participating regionally and 37 members qualified and participated, provincially, hoping to hear about students qualifying for international competitions
    - v. University of Waterloo Math contests ran Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> for Grades 9, 10, and 11, coordinated by Ms. Chronis
    - vi. Canadian Computer programming contest also ran, virtually, in mid-February, coordinated by Mr. Ostropolec
    - vii. March break postponed to April 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    - viii. Mid-term marks will be posted on the Parent Portal on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

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- ix. There are no formal parent interviews in Quadmester 3 – teachers will reach out to parents of students who are not achieving course expectations. Parents, at any point, can reach out to classroom teachers to discuss their student progress
- b. Student Achievement in Quadmester System
  - i. Some strong academic results – prioritizing course expectations and altering assessment & evaluation practices, has made for strong results (84% of our Grade 9-12 students are achieving the provincial standard – 70% or over). There are very few students failing and for those that do, we are able to engage with some of them in Online Academic Support Credit Recovery sessions so they can earn their credit.
  - ii. Notably there are advantages (and disadvantages to having 2 courses) each student is different, but by and large many students are enjoying this quadmester format – though not ideal, it is a workable solution for most.
  - iii. It was noted that there will be some learning loss, as we are just not able to cover the entire curriculum, robustly, but students are achieving well – under the circumstances.
- c. School Planning for 2021-22
  - i. We are moving ahead planning a “normal” or “standard” year – with Semesters, 4 periods per day, non-cohorting PD Days, Holidays and Examinations as per usual (bearing in mind the possibility of public health changes). Bell changes will change – later starts are being examined but coordinating challenges with transportation still must be worked out. More information on Bell Times will be shared once it is available.
- d. Commencement Plans
  - i. There is ongoing discussion of a tentative Virtual Spring (late June 2021) commencement. It is, of course, dependent upon health protocols and planning requirements. Talks are ongoing between secondary schools, senior administration and Durham Regional Health Department. Student Leadership class is currently planning for a Curbside Graduation in late June, so we will be prepared if allowed to run this event. It was noted we need to honor our Graduates and recognize this important milestone, while balancing Public Health protocols.
- e. School Calendar 2021-22 Update and Consultation
  - i. Course selection from students is due this Friday, March 5, 2021
  - ii. The MOST important decision is for families to decide whether they wish to **commit to face-to-face teaching or virtual only environment**. There will be no blending next year. If students choose online learning, then teacher and classmates may not necessarily be all affiliated with Brooklin High School. All virtual learning will be coordinated through Brooklin High School – not a centralized Durham Virtual School. It was noted that virtual only programming is limited compared to Face to Face (In-person) learning.

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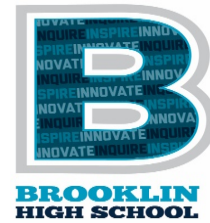
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4. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Update D. Bratincevic
  - a. An excerpt of a late breaking email from the DDSB was shared. The OSSLT will not be administered this school year. The OSSLT was a volunteer opportunity for School Boards as this year the OSSLT is an online pilot and Field Test. The DDSB has decided the balance of administering and writing the OSSLT did not outweigh the need to focus on student achievement, covering curriculum, and the well-being of our students. It was noted that current Gr 12 graduating students have already been declared exempt from the Literary requirement. As well, it was noted that we are anticipating a Fall and Spring administration of the OSSLT next school year.
  
5. Safe and Accepting Schools P. Koster
  - a. COVID-19 Updates
    - i. Changes in student COVID-19 self-screening were noted. It must be completed by students before they come to school and verified with their classroom teacher.
    - ii. Also, the new protocols outline that if a student has ONE COVID-19 symptom, then they will require to remain home – according to new regional health protocols, as of two weeks ago.
    - iii. Durham Region Public Health is running an Asymptomatic Targeted Testing Clinic at Brooklin High School on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 4-8 pm. Other than hosting, this clinic is not specifically related to Brooklin High School.
  - b. Guest Speakers: Brooklin HS CWS Department Head; James Cook and DDSB Positive School Facilitator; Holly Richard
    - i. ***“Parenting In The Age of Social Media”***
  
6. Adjournment and Action Items L. Hayes/C. Savage

We will include with the minutes, relevant attachments and links.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm

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