

# BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Community Council Minutes of the Meeting

Tuesday November 4, 2025

6:00 pm  
Google Meet

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgment K. Hoben & S. Brown
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- Student Parliament Update J. Klir
  - Student council leads shared:
    - Update on Student Council team – interviews for executive council finished at the end of September. We have 15 executive members and about 50 other school representatives.
    - Halloweek – Lots of great events last week including: spooky hallway, photo booth, Halloween hunt, mummy wrap, mystery box, costume contest, pet costume contest .
    - Upcoming events – holiday week Dec 15-19th leading into the winter break and Christmas holidays including: Elf on the shelf, cozy day, Santa Claus photo booth, “Who Knows Their friend best” competition.
    - Fundraising – some of the spirit days cost a bit more money, so the council is considering some food sales to fundraise for events.
- Principal’s Report J. MacKenzie
  - Prom – Some initial commentary from Ms. MacKenzie. Prom was not cancelled, it is being transitioned to a community event. There are BHS parents and students working with Prom Night Canada.  
(<https://promnight.ca/en/home.html>).
  - The school is also working with the student/parent group and both have asked (her now at the SCC) that any other parent volunteers are very much welcome.
    - A Remind Code (essentially a communication group text) has been communicated via Gr. 12s. Those who wish to help organize BHS Prom or should they want more information about prom should join.

- Additional information about the community led prom will be posted on the bulletin board outside of our Guidance office.
- For those curious about the timing of the messaging around changes with prom earlier this year, it was planned in alignment with central DDSB administration. It was also to allow for parents to have time to plan accordingly for this change.
- Students from the Prom Committee will be attending the February SCC to explain more on their plans.
- The rationale to move to a community run prom was due to increasing concerns around liability.
- BHS Grad events – BHS is planning a school based grad event for a Friday in June 2026. The goal is a no-cost catered grad event for students. Specifics TBA.
- Tentative prom date is available via the community Prom Committee.
- Parent questions were read aloud in the chat – and answered by admin.
- The Remembrance Day Ceremony is imminent with participation from many different departments and clubs including Canadian & World Studies, Arts, Black Student Alliance, and more.
- In early spring (March 2026) BHS will have its first musical since the pandemic. It will be “Snoopy” – staff and students are very excited by this!
- The senior Drama class – have registered for their adjudicated drama festival (at JC Richardson SS) – and will be performing a play written by a BHS student.
- Holiday concert will be on Dec. 11th – Mr. Barber is prepping his band(s)!
- Sports – the sports fields were full in the fall with 7s rugby (girls and boys), junior and senior football, cross country and others!
  - Junior Boys LOSSA 7s Rugby championship gaming upcoming!
  - Football LOSSA Tier 1 Junior boys champions!
  - Cross Country LOSSA/OFSAA wins!
- Black Student Association – food drive for Jamaican Flooding (recent hurricane Melissa). Any non-perishable food items are welcome.
- Bears Scare Hunger has just wrapped up from recent Hallweek festivities and was very successful.
- Brooklin Holiday Market is coming up in late November.
- PLP program recently baking and delivering to staff and students as part of their outreach program.
- Grad Photos – upcoming in the LIBRARY: November 24, 25, 28, December 1,2,3,4,5. And in ROOM 142 November 26 & 27 (due to OSSLT).

- Literacy Updates –OSSLT F. Aziz

  - All Gr. 10s must write on Nov. 26–27th (no matter of they have English this semester or next)
  - 80 students are registered for the After School Literacy Program
  - Practice test will be available leading up to the test
  - Literacy ‘Blitz’ video – overview of the test and tips on writing it will be shared with homeroom classes.
  - Subject Specific Literacy Lessons – are available to staff to use in class
  - Staff OSSLT training– coming up on Nov. 14, 2025 PD Day
  - Small group Literacy support offered in November leading up to the OSSLT
  
- Weather Safety Plan Drill F. Aziz

  - Drill is Nov. 5– and focus is how to prepare for a major weather ‘event’. Notably staff and students will move into parts of the building away from rooms with high ceilings.
  
- Report Cards J. Sims Jackson

  - Being finalized as we speak. Nov. 13th parents will receive information about when they are available.
  - Parents will need their child’s OEN number to access it. If you require your child’s OEN number – please call the school (for security reasons emailing these out is not possible. )
  
- January 2026 Exams J. Sims Jackson

  - From January 21 to January 26– Semester 1 exams (schedule forthcoming)
  - Jan. 27th inclement weather day
  - Jan. 28th Credit Completion day
  - Jan. 29th Sem 2 Begins
  
- Math EQAO J. Sims Jackson

  - After School Numeracy is coming up!
  - Information on registration available very soon.
  - After School Numeracy Program:  
Brooklin High School is offering an After School Numeracy Program to students in grades 9 and 10. The purpose of the program is to provide additional support for students who are currently or have taken math classes this year, and extra preparation for the Grade 9 EQAO math test on January 13–15, 2026.

The program will be held at the school after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:10 – 3:10 pm** in the **library**. The program will begin on

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, and end on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Program dates:

- **November – 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27**
- **December – 2, 4, 9, 11, 16**
- **January – 6, 8, 13, 15**

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the permission form and return it to the main office or send it to [BrooklinHS@ddsb.ca](mailto:BrooklinHS@ddsb.ca) by November 7, 2025. Permission forms (PDF format) are available in the October 31<sup>st</sup> message to parents.

10. Other Business

K. Hoben & S. Brown

- No other business was brought forward.

11. Adjournment

K. Hoben & S. Brown

Reminder: The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 3, 2026 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 24th (we are scheduled until December 5th and will open appointments as interest permits)
- Students can book by visiting [www.bookmygrad.ca](http://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

### **Grade 9 – Take Our Kids To Work Day**

**Wednesday November 5th** is Grade 9 "Take Our Kids To Work Day." Grade 9 students are encouraged to shadow a parent/caregiver for the day in lieu of attending school for the day. Permission forms were to be handed in to guidance as all students attending need to be marked appropriately for attendance that day.

### **BHS College Fair**

BHS is hosting a college fair for all grade 11 and 12 families on **November 11th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm** in the forum at BHS. We look forward to welcoming our college partners and community to this event.

### **Bears Excellence Breakfast and Honour Roll**

Students that scored an aggregate score of 640 on courses taken from July 2024 – June 2025 will receive an Honour Roll Certificate in class the week of November 17th. Students that received the **highest mark in a subject and the top 3 academic achievers in each grade (current grades 10 – 12)** will be invited to attend the **Bears Excellence Breakfast hosted during period 1 on November 19th in the cafeteria**. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. This event is not open for parents to attend. Students will receive an invitation in their homeroom for the event during the week of November 11th. Congratulations to all our students on their academic achievements from the 2024-2025 school year!

## **University/College Deadlines:**

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

**Any students that are taking private school courses, need to let Guidance (Ms. Shosenberg) know so we can ensure that their OUAC and their graduation progress is appropriately reflected.**

## **Update from our ISS Department**

Our PLP classes are baking once a week to practice social and life skills. They are planning, baking, and delivering the orders throughout the school to staff who order them. This initiative has been very well received throughout the school and within our PLP classes.

Our PLP and SSP classes participated in a successful trip to Windreach Farm. Feedback from students has been very positive. We will be going to Ripley's Aquarium in December.

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.

Upcoming, our PLP classes will be attending the Special Olympics Basketball Qualifier and they are working on creating a holiday gift basket for a family that is in need.

## **Brooklin Holiday Market:**

- **Nov. 29-30, 2025 (9:30-4:00 each day)**
- Only \$2 admission for adults & teens (kids free) – available on SCO
- Raffle – tickets available on SCO
- Over 100 craft and food vendors, a Holiday Fun Zone for all ages, kids activity area with crafts, letters to Santa & more fun, during each afternoon, a visit with Santa, enter the Raffle & win a prize pack and enjoy treats & food at the Candy Cane Café by our culinary dept.
- Come support our gr. 12 business leadership class.
- **\*\*\*Still needing sponsors and raffle prizes – if you can help, please email [tricia.dean@ddsb.ca](mailto:tricia.dean@ddsb.ca)\*\*\***

**Yearbooks** – on sale during **1<sup>st</sup> semester only**. Anyone wishing to purchase a yearbook must do so no later than February 1. Yearbooks are available through School Cash Online.