

# BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Community Council Minutes

Wednesday February 2, 2022

6:00 pm

Google Meet

### 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

J. MacKenzie

#### **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 and Introductions

L.Hayes/C.Savage

### 3. Student Parliament Update

Rachel Bureau

- Abigail, Cassidy and Sara are representatives of Student Parliament presenting today.

- Recent events

- Holiday week was run just before the Winter Break: Holiday Candy Grams (money raised for donations); Ugly Sweater Day; Festive Door Contest; Warm and Cozy Day - to celebrate the last day before the winter break.

- Student Voice Survey

- Ongoing - there is a survey board at school outside of the Student Parliament Office, on it are event photos & survey QR code to suggest or share ideas for future student run BHS events. Beyond that, added are quotations about what students "enjoy the most" at BHS. Notably, all grades have been represented in the survey.

- What's next

- With semestering back (Yay!) - Valentine's Day is upcoming (Candy Grams, Test your relationship "escape room", Guess the amount of candy in the candy jar, Heart collage.
- Black History Month, Positive Thoughts form (and display)
- Spirit Day ideas: Pink Shirt Day, Jersey Day, Tropical Tuesday, Twin Day,

## School Colours Day, and Mental Health Week.

### 4. Principal's Report

J. MacKenzie

- A lot of gratitude for staff and students for continued work for School Spirit.
- Thanks to Ms. Shoemaker's Leadership class who put on the Winter Festival of Lights Walk!
- Transition to semestering - lots of staff discussion around this return to four periods per day, the disappearance of "body breaks"; due to travel time between classes there will be a shorter lunch accordingly. Students will be encouraged and helped through this transition in terms of time management.
- League play (for hockey & volleyball and other winter sports which had begun late last year) will be allowed to continue Feb. 14th, 2022. The goal is to have more sports in the spring - lacrosse, rugby.
- Clubs at lunch will be returning too.
- Phys.Ed. change rooms will be opened as the spring progresses.
- Mr. B. Grylls (Science teacher) has retired and a full time replacement has been hired.
- Overall five LTOs will also begin this term.
- Proms are on hold across the DDSB due to facility capacity and/or vaccination status of possible attendees.

### 5. Equity Committee

D. Bratincevic

- February is Black History Month
  - Social media campaign upcoming
  - Virtual presentations upcoming (celebrating Black History and moving into a discussion about ongoing equity challenges)
  - Brooklin high School displays are up for Internatiional Holocaust Remembrance Day & Black History Month with associated books and novels are currently on display.
- Posters with QR Codes are set to be displayed at the start of Semester 2
- Social Media Campaign in the middle of February
- Presentations by senior students at the end of the month

### 6. Literacy Updates -OSSLT

D. Bratincevic

- Literacy Results from the November OSSLT for Grade 11 students are pending **(Results will be released Feb 14-28 Gr. 11)**
- The Literacy Test for Grade 10 students will be in May, the actual days in May are waiting on confirmation **(Results will be released June 2022)**

### 7. Report Cards

D. Bratincevic

- Final Report Cards for Quad 2 will be displayed on the Parent Portal on February 11th
- Semester 2 Midterm Marks will be displayed on the Parent Portal on April 29th
- Semester 2 Final Marks will be displayed on the Parent Portal on July 8th
- Note: April 22nd Gr. 12 marks (thus far) are submitted to OCAS (Ontario College Application Service).

### 8. Positive School Climate Update

J. Demaray

- New All-Gender washroom signage has been posted in multiple single-stall washrooms as a direct result from student voice and need.
- POC committee is working on a school wide focus on making Brooklin a more safe and welcoming environment for all our school community.

9. Graduation Retakes - Feb. 9 & 10 J. Demaray  
- Links for appointments are on Gr. 12 Google Classroom
10. Student Parking/ Student drop off/ pick up J. Demaray  
- Student parking passes are limited to Grade 12 students only and parking is a first come/first serve basis. Additionally, parents picking up their children should use the kiss and ride only and not block bus routes at the back of the school.
11. Reminders From Guidance
- Grade 12 - Grad Gown Sizing due Feb 11th (link on Shosenberg Remind on Feb 1)
  - Course Selection Dates are still unknown - current grade 8 - 11s can start to pathway plan on myBlueprint anytime
  - Course Selection Presentations will take place once deadlines are solidified
  - Feb 3 Grade 8 Parent Night (7:00 pm virtual event, registration required)
  - Grade 8 Virtual Visits happening this week and next
  - Timetable changes for Semester 2 are available Feb 3 - 11
9. Other Business L.Hayes/C.Savage
10. Adjournment L.Hayes/C.Savage

**Reminder: The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm**