

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council

Tuesday March 1, 2022

6:00 pm

Google Meet

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

L. Hayes/ 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

L.Hayes/C.Savage

- Welcome attending members to provide name and grade of their Brooklin High School student

3. Student Parliament Update

Rachel Bureau

- Student Council Updates:
 - Valentine's Day
 - Thoughtful Notes placed on Lockers to spread kindness
 - Student reaction was positive
 - Kahoot provided with 848 students participating
 - General Council Meetings are back
 - 1st meeting on March 7th at Lunch
 - Jersey Day
 - March 9th
 - Show School Spirit
 - Decades Week
 - Demand from students in younger grades to have Brooklin Spirit Week
 - Spirit Week that will go through the different decades
 - March 28th - 60s
 - March 29th - 70s
 - March 30th - 80s

- March 31 - 90s
- Aprils 1st - 2000s
- Student Voice and Input will be gathered to Guide Decades Week
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4. Update From Guidance

Natalie Morgan-Cook

- Course Selections are still on hold
- School Messenger sent home to explain why it is on hold (system reasons including boundary changes)
- Please continue to choose classes, and make appointments with guidance
- Students can select courses on myBlueprint but are not to press submit button yet
- Grade 8 presentation has happened
- Grade 9 and 10 presentations are on hold waiting on most recent information to ensure most accurate information provided
- Graduation:
 - Have the go ahead to plan a graduation event
 - Ensuring Graduation is an inclusive event, looking at options that will be inclusive to everyone
 - May be an event where students walk across stage while parents watch virtually and then events provided afterwards
 - May be a drive-through event similar to last school year
 - Ensure students complete Grad Gown submission form provided by Guidance Counselor Ms. Shosenberg
 - Graduation is typically June 29th, looking to see if it will be on the same date
 - Durham College is not offering venues to high schools at this time for Graduation
- Grade 12s finish earlier on June 21st (last in class day)
- Grade 9-11 finish on June 24th
- Continue to encourage students to make appointments to see guidance
- Bear Cupboard:
 - Food provided to students
 - Breakfast Program being offered now
 - Accept Food Gift Cards in Guidance to assist students in need: students can drop off gift cards in guidance
 - Water Bottles often requested by students
 - SHSM Environment Program purchased reusable water bottles for students to use if they require them - located in Guidance

5. Principal's Report

J. MacKenzie

- Thank you to our student reps, Ms. Morgan and Ms. Bureau
- Welcome to all
- Athletics are up and running: Boys Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Boys lacrosse after march break, Boys Rugby starting, many sports and intramurals beginning again
- Handball Intramurals up and running; large student participation
- Looking to have more intramurals outside
- Grade 8 night had amazing attendance, looking to continue virtual meetings moving forward as it allows for all parents to attend despite weather/work restrictions/etc.
 - Big thank you to Ms. Morgan, guidance counselors and Ms. Best
- DECA is going strong, raised over \$3000 through Festival of Lights
 - Relay for Life is on the table to take place in Spring
- Math contests be running by Mr. Taylor
- Prom:
 - Cross-board ongoing discussion
 - Brooklin HS has Ajax Convention Centre booked for May 23rd but all tentative
 - Cannot commit to Prom as decision coming from DDSB Central, all high schools

- Pink Shirt Day run by Mr. Snowden: Was amazing event
 - Grade 12s were very involved, looking to build community with Grades 9 and 10

- 6. Equity Committee D. Bratincevic
 - Black History Month
 - Presentation to students
 - Survey: Guide next steps
 - Posters with QR codes in school
 - Social Media Scavenger Hunt with Prizes to encourage student involvement and participation
 - Music played in the morning prior to classes starting

- 7. Literacy Updates -OSSLT D. Bratincevic
 - OSSLT for Grade 10s will be in May: Date TBD
 - Literacy Course: Parents contacted, have two courses running beginning after March Break from 8:30-9:30am, twice a week for five weeks (10 hrs total)
 - Exact days and room locations will be confirmed prior to March Break

- 8. Progress Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews D. Bratincevic
 - Memo will be sent to Parents this week with all details
 - March 10th: Progress Reports will be provided to students via the Home Room teacher (Period 2 that week)
 - March 24th: Parent Teacher Interviews from 1-4pm
 - Morning classes only from 10am to 12:15pm (30 minute classes)
 - Buses will drop off as per usual, pick up at 12:15pm
 - Interviews will be via phone (parent provides number) or Google Meet (teachers will provide Meet)
 - Sign up will be from March 10th to March 23rd via parentInterview program (instructions provided in Memo)

- 9. Positive School Climate Update J. Demaray
 - Masks do still need to be worn at school, please encourage students to wear their masks.
 - Can remove masks when actively engaged (volleyball is not considered actively engaged but basketball is).
 - 5 additional single stall All-Gender Washrooms now will have feminine hygiene product dispensers added to them.
 - Admin do enter washrooms to check on students; similar to public bathrooms. Do not announce entrance into washrooms and do not stay long. Ensure bathrooms are clean and safe, do not have students who are loitering.
 - Offering Breakfast Program for all students as food prices increase, community recognizing this is a need. Options of nutritious snacks as students enter the building.
 - On-going efforts to make Brooklin HS a more welcoming, safe and inclusive environment.
 - DDSB Climate Survey will be sent out to all students, parents and staff in the spring. Please encourage the community to fill in this survey as it drives changes in the school.

- 10. Breakfast Program J. Demaray

- The Student Nutrition Program of Central East Ontario has added BHS to their programming for the remainder of the school year. Starting after March break there will be breakfast snack options available for our student population to service the growing needs being recognised at our school.
- Have students pass out due to not eating, want to avoid stigma of food being for students who cannot afford food. Food is available for all students.

11. Silent Auction hosted by the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation C. Savage
- Charitable Organization providing funding for students
 - Starfish Fund, Make a Difference fund, Think Outside the Bell Fund, Future Fund
 - Open from Feb. 28th to March 5th
 - Theme is Make Tomorrow Brighter for children and youth who face financial barriers to success.
 - <https://trellis.org/make-tomorrow-brighter-auction>
12. SCC Moving Forward for the 2022-2023 School Year L. hayes/C. Savage
- Parents Tab that has SCC Constitution
 - SCC has great updates about academic and non-academic information and student information
 - One more meeting this year
 - Registration process in October
 - Encourage looking at the website and joining the SCC
13. Other Business L. Hayes/C. Savage
- Lisa Hayes will be leaving after this year as one of our Co-Chairs
 - Can contact Co-Chairs via SCC email provided on the Brooklin Website
14. Adjournment L. Hayes/C. Savage

Reminder: The final virtual meeting for this year is scheduled for Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm