

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday October 1, 2019

6:30 pm

Library Commons

1. Welcome and Introductions W. Palmer
 - a. Mr. Palmer brings greetings and welcomes parents to the 2019-2020 SCC.
 - b. All admin/staff/parents/public health nurse/student representatives introduces themselves and their role.
2. Elections W. Palmer
 - a. Parent Members
 - i. We can have twenty voting members and have nomination forms for parents to fill out; all nominations forms were completed and/or updated.
 - b. Officers: Co-Chair(s) and Secretary
 - i. Co-chairs this year are Ann Hartloff & Lisa Hayes
 - ii. Secretary is Jason Beggs
 - c. Community Representative
 - i. Cathy Snider Public Health Nurse (& mentee -Allison Jealouse)
 - d. School Representatives
 - i. Sarah Gilbride & Jason Beggs (teachers)
3. Constitution W. Palmer
 - a. The [Brooklin High School Constitution](#) is posted on our website, under Families>Parent Engagement. The new website was shown, including the area for everything related to our SCC.
4. Student Parliament Update Student Reps
 - a. An explanation of the structure of Student Parliament (Leadership Council + 120 school representatives.
 - b. Goals – continue to increase school spirit, a feeling a comfort for our dress up days, and to to build an inclusive environment for all.
 - c. Posters/displays are up for Hispanic/Muslim Heritage month and GSA/Ally group (LGTBQ community group); orange shirt day to remember Residential School Survivors, Terry Fox Day raised \$3000; Tropical Tuesday spirit day; upcoming Western Wednesday and Halloween.
 - d. Bear Wear – it was up for September and will re-open in November for the holiday season. The Website is: <https://www.bearwear.vintageapparelco.com/>

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5. Principal's Report

W. Palmer

a. New Website

- i. Demonstration by Mr. Palmer – it is a work in progress while staff take courses to learn how to edit the new web page. Looking for input.
- ii. Note new banner and calendar items on the front page, a month at a glance
- iii. Note – Guidance link. We noted this year we have a student population of 1340.
- iv. Upcoming – Library Learning Commons link
- v. Note in Parent Engagement and [SCC](#) link with constitution, meeting dates & links to agenda & minutes
- vi. Note calendar “month at a glance”; Bear Necessities “week at a glance”, and under NEWS – Progress Report information as well as links to booking teacher interviews and teacher locations on the day of the interviews (October 17th @2-4PM & 6-8PM)

b. Gr 9 Only Orientation Day

- i. A successful day – and benefits the Gr. 9s becoming familiar with the building, their teachers and sets them up for success. We showed some pictures from Yearbook.

c. Regional School Community Council

- i. Their website is accessed at the Durham District School Board's website under “Family and Community Support” and “Get Involved”.

d. Parent Involvement Committee

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e. Parents as Partners Conference

- i. We will share information once it becomes available.

f. The BEAR cupboard: an area in our Guidance Department where we stock up on some food/drink to keep our students in need nourished and focused on their academics. What is often needed are the following: goldfish crackers, Mr. Noodles, Keurig coffee, juice boxes, hot chocolate, KD bowls, crackers, soups, fruit cups, toothbrush/paste, and of course FreshCo Gift Certificates are always welcome to purchase some fresh fruit/cereal/milk as well. No need to volunteer items all at once and best to volunteer items in small waves versus one large donation. Thanks!

g. Volunteer of distinction: George Burford – former teacher helped tremendously with our Senior Boys Rugby team as well as provincial competition that Durham and Brooklin HS hosted in 2019.

h. Twitter & Instagram accounts are easily accessed from website. We shared access information.

i. School Info App – a great app that provides you with **ALL** the school information you need up to date and accurate.

j. EQAO Numeracy/Literacy Updates

P. Koster/F. Tokic

i. Literacy

1. 314 First time writers (266 Academic, 46 Applied, 2 locally developed, 59 IEP)

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2. 85% success rate overall (applied, academic, IEP and gender based data reviewed as well.)
 3. BHS focus will be on our applied level students – for these students achieved a 49% success rate
 4. Literacy Plans – the committee met and discussed where we move forward. After two years of small group lessons, we will change tactics to address the applied and male challenges our school seems to be having. Discipline based literacy lessons will be moving forward with more vigor. Also, media Mondays will be run to address the challenges of that skill. In the spring more prescribed literacy activities will be delivered in preparation leading up to the test itself.
- ii. Numeracy Results
1. Academic students are doing very well with 91% success rate, while Applied level students continue to struggle at 41%. The past four years at BHS reflect a similar trend locally and provincially.
 2. With Gr 9 Math – Applied level teachers get Board support as well as professional development in house to collaborate on lessons. After School Numeracy is run in the library beginning in November and will be of great assistance for students.
6. Safe and Accepting Schools Team W. Palmer
- a. Emergency Procedures
 - i. Lock Down Practice – completed with success with another drill scheduled for semester two.
 - ii. Fire Drills – completed in September and another upcoming in October with a third in late November. Three more will be completed in the Spring.
 - iii. Vaping presentation forthcoming in November from our Public Health Nurse.
7. Gr 12 Reminders W. Palmer
- a. Commencement (Thursday June 25th, 1 pm @ IPSC Pad 1)
 - b. Prom (Tuesday June 23rd at Ajax Convention Centre)
 - c. Parent Info Night Report (Thursday September 12th)
 - i. See our [Guidance Home Page](#) under Grade 12 to review this information.
8. Labour Action Update – reviewed CUPE job action with parents to clarify any questions. Please refer to the letter (via BHS or DDSB website banner). All updates will be posted on our website and banner.
9. Adjournment and Action Items
- a. In November we will share Safe School Climate and Well Being Survey results
 - b. We will have a presentation on Vaping that we will publicize to our school community

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 5, 2019, 6:30 pm

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