

# BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Community Council - Minutes

Tuesday October 5, 2021

6:00 pm via  
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. Introductions

J. MacKenzie

- a. Roundtable introductions of new Brooklin High administrators, teacher and student representatives, and parents.

### 3. Elections

J. MacKenzie

- a. Parent Members - 8 present
- b. Officers: Co-Chair(s) and Secretary
  - i. 8 parent representatives - current chairs would like to retain their position - no persons came forward - so the co-chair positions are acclaimed.
- c. Community Representative
  - i. TBA
- d. School Representatives
  - i. Mr. Beggs - teacher representative & secretary
- e.

### 4. Constitution

J. MacKenzie

- a. Shared with parents

### 5. Student Parliament Update

S. Gilbride

- a. Student Leadership structure
- b. Activities to date
  - i. MANY of Extra curricular activities starting back up including:
    - Getting accustomed to structure and learning the building has been important for the Gr. 9-10s. Signs and virtual tours were created and shared via social media.
    - Scavenger hunt (online via QR codes) - the winner received "Crave" doughnuts
    - Student council, Athletic council, American Sign Language, and more (see

notices online and in school)- plus sports have started up again: lacrosse, rugby, field hockey & volleyball.

- Co-ed intramurals for lacrosse were held this fall, and upcoming intramurals include: spikeball & ultimate frisbee
- Orange shirt day - lots of participation
- Upcoming : Terry Fox Run, Spirit Wear, Halloween!

ii. Some questions about sports - slow and cautious approach from the DDSB, LOSSA and the schools

## 6. Principal's Report

J. MacKenzie

- a. Shelter in place today during lunch due to a gas leak nearby. Students coming back from lunch were ushered into the building. It all worked fine.
- b. A small number of students were unable to return to school as they were returning from local establishments and were turned away by police and fire for reasons of safety.
- c. By 3:55PM the area was secure and students were allowed to travel their normal route home.
- d. Brooklin High has 1348 students & 82.5 staff - and we are in quadmesters for the time being as is the 10AM-4PM daily schedule. .
- e. Twitter & Instagram are a great place to find information - notably our website and outside signage needs updating so please be patient as new office personnel are being trained and given access to these media.
- f. Gr. 12 Information:
  - i. We are having a **Virtual BHS College Fair on Wednesday October 6th, 2021 from 9:00am - 10:30am** and **Virtual BHS University Fair on Wednesday October 13th, 2021 from 9:00am - 10:30am**. Students will join these events **virtually** using a zoom webinar. The Zoom link information will be provided to students in Mrs. Shosenberg's Class of 2022 Google Classroom.
  - ii. During the events, College/University representatives will provide general application and /University admission information as well as have the opportunity to meet with individual schools reps to ask questions and listen to more detailed information about the specific College/University and their programs.

## 7. Literacy Updates

D. Bratincevic

- a. Literacy requirements - Currently Gr. 12s will have the literacy requirement waived. Students in Gr. 10-11 must successfully complete the literacy requirements.
- b. Gr. 11 will write the week of Nov. 22-26 (specific time, format & schedule - TBA)  
Gr. 10 & unsuccessful fall writers & returning students will write the week of May 9-13 (specific time, format & schedule - TBA)
- c. A practice test will be available.
- d. Marking scheme will be determined with an algorithm.
- e. Curriculum based activities are being planned ASAP.

## 8. Mark Reporting

D. Bratincevic

- a. October 18th Mid-term marks will be available for parents (only marks and learning skills - unless a ½ course final grade.
- b. Quad 1 ends on Nov. 25th - final report cards with comments will be released.

## 9. EQAO Numeracy and Destreamed Grade 9 Math

J. Demaray

- a. Gr. 9s ARE writing two booklets of 5 M/C questions this year. It is optional to use it towards their grade.
- b. Teacher work with the support of Board facilitators has been very positive!

## 10. Positive School Climate Update

J. Demaray

- a. A whole school - well being approach for students, staff, administration, support staff,

- custodians and parents.
- b. Previous student data will drive future initiatives.
  - c. COVID 19 Protocols - ongoing adjustments as we follow Durham Regional Health. The challenge is that students often are not wearing PPE properly.
  - d. Body and brain breaks are built and and are being recorded on paper and digitally.
  - e. Emergency Procedures
    - i. Lock Down Practice (upcoming)
    - ii. Fire Drills - two completed (one more to go before the winter.)
    - iii. Surprise “hold and secure” was completed today
  - f. Clubs and Councils
    - i. There is a feeling of normalcy beginning to set in.

11. Other - Questions about PLP and EQAO testing.

12. Adjournment and Action Items

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday November 2, 2021, 6:00 pm**

**Administrati  
on:**

Principal: Ms. J.  
MacKenzie  
Vice Principals:  
Ms.D. Bratincevic  
& J. Demaray  
Head Secretary:  
Mrs. K. Smith



**Trustees:**

Christine Thatcher  
Niki Lundquist, Scott Templeton