

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

20 CARNWITH DRIVE WEST, BROOKLIN, ONTARIO L1M 0K7

Telephone: 905-655-2015 ☐

E-mail: BrooklinHS@ddsb.ca

www.brooklinhs.ddsb.ca

Twitter: @brooklinhs @beargrowls

IG: brooklin_hs



School Community Council - Minutes

Tuesday October 3, 2023

6:00 pm via

Google Meet

- 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*

- Introductions

J. MacKenzie

- Note that future meetings will more than likely have a section of the welcome & acknowledgements **whereby all participants will be asked to abide by DDSB codes of conduct and are respectful of DDSB rules and procedures including Human Rights and Equity, and Indigenous Human Rights .**

- Introductions of admin, staff members and student leaders.

- Elections

J. MacKenzie

- Reviewed procedures for elections.

- Constitution

J. MacKenzie

- There is a notable difference between secondary and elementary school SCC's. Participation is fluid, so there are not necessarily a "voting" or "non voting" member. Those who come may simply just participate.

- Introduction of Mrs. Aziz

J. MacKenzie

- Ms. Aziz is new to BHS but has been a teacher of various subjects for 25 years (Math, Business, and Dept. Head of Modern Languages, and most recently Guidance Counselor).

- Student Parliament Update

R. Bureau

- The two co-leads described what is occurring at BHS:
 - New members of council were welcomed (executive and general council members - over 80 members.)
 - First spirit day - Friday, Oct 13th - Bear Wear Day - around the theme of : What you want to B?! Sort of like "new school year's resolution" with a focus on being welcoming and inclusive allowing students to write on a white board (with sticky notes) and to share their goals outside (writing with chalk outside on the sidewalk).

- Sports and Clubs are all happening.(rugby, football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, soccer, hockey, golf, cross country, etc....) more info on Instagram!
- Clubs running too (art, yoga, drama and lots more!)
- Orange shirt day - and activities (at lunch and as part of the curriculum).
- Terry Fox Run - classes have been participating last week up until tomorrow - with a closing ceremony (and race!) around 10AM.

- Principal's Report

J. MacKenzie

- 1420 student population for 2023-24 school year.
- 10 new teachers were hired (notably drama with new projects in the works, Math, English, French, Canadian & World Studies.) and have injected even more energy into the school.
- Weekly school messengers sent out to parents and activities lists posted on Instagram on Fridays for the following week.
- Guidance has more activities (see below). Note- be sure to check out the Guidance Google Classrooms set up by your Guidance counsellors. Click [HERE](#) for Guidance dept.
- College fair going on in the library - visits already from Glendon College (YorkU) as well for French classes.
- Student project co-run with Denise House (gathering feminine products for those in need - run by Ms. Burns).
- Arts - DIAC was last week, bands, art and drama activities are all happening.
- Picture retake day upcoming too.
- Festival of lights - more information coming in November.

- Literacy Updates

J. Demaray

- After School Literacy Program (30-40 students per cohort - M/W and T/Th groupings).
- Connect with Ms. Shosenberg if your child would like to join.
- Last week of October - practice test lead during homeroom class.
- This fall's dates are Nov. 14th-15th (if one of the test days is missed - they may write the 2nd part of the test on the 16th).
- If all of the test is missed - they must write in the spring OSSLT.

- Mark Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews

J. Demaray

- Oct 13th - a printout progress reports should be coming home. It is an early snapshot of their performance thus far in the semester.
- Oct 19th - Parent teacher Interviews. Parents can schedule 5 minute appointments with their child's teachers. Notably the Guidance Dept. will send out a link/sign up website to parents and caregivers in the very near future.
- If questions, please reach out to the teacher.

- Positive School Climate Update

J. Demaray

- Monthly meeting with staff and students - examining data from recent surveys to identify things we can do as a community to improve the school climate so all students feel safe and welcome.
- DYDAC (Durham Youth Drug Awareness Committee) on Oct 17th drug awareness conference - five BHS students will be going. Last year's campaign was an anti-vaping campaign.

- January Exams

J. Demaray

- 24-30th January, 2024 - examination schedule for those who HAVE examinations. Note: **holidays are not a reason to miss an examination.**

- Breakfast club J. Demaray
 - Tues & Thur morning - about 100-200 students regularly participate in this - in response to food insecurity in recent years. The new Cobb's Bakery (Longo's plaza) donates Wednesday night leftovers to our Thursday breakfast. Donations can still be made via School Cash Online.

- Emergency Procedures F. Aziz
 - Two of Three fire drills completed this semester thus far.
 - One lockdown and one hold and secure drill will be completed as well for this semester.
 - *Student handbook is on our school website - easily accessible on p. 10 re: these emergency procedures.

- EQAO Numeracy F. Aziz
 - Gr. 9 students write this mandatory test (based on the Gr. 9 course) and will be completed during the week of Jan. 15th. As part of their summative evaluations.
 - The After School Numeracy Program will likely start near the end of November up until the test itself.

- Other

- Adjournment and Action Items

Notes From Guidance

1. **October 4th** – BHS College Fair in the Library 7:45 am – 10:15 am. Grade 12 and 11 students have been invited to attend with their teachers. There will be some restrictions on visitor/student parking this day
2. **October 11th** – BHS University Fair in the Cafeteria 7:45 am – 10:15 am. Grade 12 and 11 students have been invited to attend with their teachers). There will be little to no visitor/student parking this day to accommodate the 30 university reps in attendance in the morning.
3. **October 27th** – Eastern Province University Fair in the library at lunch (open for all students to attend)
4. **University applications** are open on www.ouac.on.ca. Current BHS students are all 101 Applicants and only need their OEN (not DDSB STUDENT NUMBER) and non-DDSB student email to apply. Due date is January 15th.
5. **College applications** are open on www.ontariocolleges.ca. Students only need their OEN, DDSB Student Number and a non-DDSB student email to apply. Due date is February 1st.
6. Tutorials for applying to college/university are on Mr. Howlett's google classroom
7. **Take Our Kids to Work Day** – November 1st. Permission forms were handed out in homeroom this week. All information is available to students on Ms. Morgan-Cook's google classroom. Permission forms for those able to participate off site on Nov 1st are due to homeroom teachers by October 27th.
8. **Grad Wear** for grade 12 students will be coming out in October/November.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday November 7, 2023, 6:00 pm

Trustees:

Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Christine Thatcher

Admin:
Principal: Ms. J. MacKenzie
Vice Principals:
Mrs. F. Aziz & J. Demaray
Head
Secretary: Mrs. K. Smith

