

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING # 5

April 29th, 2021
7:30pm - 9:35pm

In Attendance: Anne Kobayashi (C), Fernanda Yangchapaxi (C), Jessica Shepherd (C), Lindsey Ross (C), Jenia Faibusovitch (C), Jo Jefferson (C), Alexander Liszka, BJ, Jason H., Michelle Richea
Principal: Yasmin Buhariwalla
Teaching Staff Rep: Anthony Crifo
Executive: Co-Chairs: Will Baker, Lori Cullen
Treasurer: Jesse McMullen-Crummey
Secretary: Alatheia Milne-Hines

Minutes

Item:	Information	Action
1. Land Acknowledgement	Will read the Land Acknowledgement	
2. Council Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Outdoor equipment purchase<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Council has purchased balls for all classrooms, approx. \$5002. Parent engagement school council workshop debrief<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Members of the social justice committee attended PIAC Parent Engagement Sessionb. PIAC funds are available for social justice and equity initiatives3. Ana Bailao Street Safety Forum<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Council has received information about various City initiatives, but did not receive answers to question about signal crossing timer at Dufferin Mall-Dufferin Grove Parkb. Potential to establish a community organization to instigate change re: street safety in the area as recommended by Councillorc. Will and Lori have an upcoming safety walk with Dufferin Mall.<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Please forward any questions or concerns to Will and Lori	Will / Lori to provide copies of City info package as needed
3. Treasurer's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expenditures since last meeting on:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Balls for each classroom for outdoor useb. Math and language support program for Gr.7-8c. Anti-Racism Workshop2. Roughly \$7-8K remains in the bank3. Can Council Finances be made available online / on the website?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Can Council's financials be posted on the Website?	Council to contact PIAC rep to check on the rules
4. Principal's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Thanks to the Council for outdoor equipment2. Construction outdoors is completed, and we are getting a	

- basement fountain :)
3. We got 9 HEPA units delivered pre-lockdown (a bit noisy, but good)
 4. We have a new nurse—Raven Campbell.
 5. **Update / refresh on Covid protocol:**
 - Parents call school and Yasmin will send the Cohort home
 - Lisa calls the parents to see who must be picked up and who can walk home
 - Any exposed staff are sent home
 - Yasmin must inform all the necessary people (incl TPH) to let them know there is a covid case
 - Yasmin sends an email to cohort first to let them know about the case
 - Yasmin sends an email to the community about covid case, then staff.
 - Yasmin waits for TPH to get back to her; usually over a day maybe two days. TPH uses info to contact individuals who do contact tracing and then they will give timeline and indicate when covid test should be taken. Tests usually are recommended between 5th and 8th day.
 6. Asymptomatic testing was a mess—we need tests done within the school, not a local testing centre

School Council to prepare communication to Yasmin, Trustee, and Shirley and Pauline Schools about reconsidering asymptomatic testing model for the future

5. Committee Report Back

1. Social Justice Committee
 - a. Anti-racism workshop debrief
 - i. Workshop was very well attended (a majority were Brock parents), was positive, informative and empowering
 - ii. A good virtual collaboration with Pauline
2. Governance Committee
 - a. Committee presented a summary of proposed Council Bylaw and Handbook changes (see Appendix A):
 - b. Suggestion that roles of each Council member should be discussed at the first meeting of Council
3. Communications Committee
 - a. Website mailing list now up to 200+ subscriptions
4. Outdoor Committee
 - a. Planter is being built and painted and will be brought to the school
 - b. New bike rack is coming to the east side of the school

Will to circulate proposed changes to Yasmin, parent / guardian community

- 5. Arts Committee
 - a. Mural project is being postponed
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6. Motions

- 1. **MOTION:** Carried
Moved by Jo Jefferson:

“WHEREAS Toronto Police Services (TPS) anti-bullying programming in schools has been suspended; and

WHEREAS the Brock Public School Council does not support the provision of anti-bullying education or other educational programming in our school by TPS

The School Council resolves to commit to working with the school principal and teaching staff to fund procurement of appropriate anti-bullying workshops and / or webinars provided by community groups, grassroots organizations, and TDSB-approved vendors as an alternative to TPS programming

7. New Business

- 1. Council will send a survey to teachers to see what we can procure to grow / create opportunities for outdoor education at Brock Council to circulate survey to teachers
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8. Wrap Up and Next Steps

- 1. Next Council meeting is May 27, 2021
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9. Adjournment

- 1. Meeting Adjourned

Appendix A - Summary of Proposed Handbook and Bylaw Amendments

Proposed Handbook Changes:

- Update handbook to acknowledge use of online meetings

Proposed Bylaw Changes:

00. Minor changes that don't require a vote:

- Add school council email address and website url
- Continue to improve inclusivity: "he / she" and "his / her" replaced with "they" and "their"

1. Purpose and Objectives

- Obligation of principal moved to front:
- "The principal of a school shall consider each recommendation made to the principal by the school council and shall advise the council of the action taken in response to the recommendation."
- **Add:** and advise the Council why recommendations may not have been taken (ref. Reg. 298)

4. Election Procedures

- Candidates Profile
 - Request a statement of interest and commitment from nominees, instead of a "profile" to encourage more nominations
 - Nominees disclose conflicts on nomination forms
- Advertise nominations / self-nominations throughout the nomination period (will need Principal's support)
- Communications Officer chairs the Communications Committee

5. Executive

- Add Communication Officer to Executive. 4 to 5.
- Define role to include responsibility for the website
- Formalize "Co-Chair" practice
- Co-Chairs may designate any parent member of Council to chair a meeting of Council
- Secretary > Recording Officer

6. Expectations of Council Members

- **Original:** "Members should attend at least two meetings"
 - **Replace with:** "should make every effort to attend all Council meetings"

7. Meetings

- Allow call-in option for Council members to avoid quorum problems and make meetings more accessible

- List of Community Representatives should be established at the first Council Meeting of the year

8. Committees

- Committees to provide a summary report of activities along with the Council's Annual Report and report from time to time to the Council
- Governance Committee to be struck at first meeting

16. Changing Bylaws

- **Original:** Proposed changes shall be shared with council members and the school community via the school council email list, and posting on the school's website at least two weeks before the council meeting at which the proposed changes are to be tabled.
- **Add:** "A vote on proposed changes will be held at a meeting subsequent to the meeting at which the changes are tabled."

17. New Section: Bylaw Review

- **Add:** These bylaws shall be reviewed by the Governance Committee at least every three years commencing in the 2023-2024 school year.

Suggestion: officer roles to be clarified in first meeting