

**BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Staff Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

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**Attendees:**

**Victor Tran (Principal)**  
**Jess Abraham (Parent Member)**  
**Julie Booth (Parent Member)**  
**Sara Cook (Communications Chair)**  
**Mr. Crifo (Teacher Staff Rep)**  
**Cecile Farnum (Council Co-Chair)**  
**Jackson Foster (Parent Member)**  
**Liza Grindlay (Fundraising Chair)**  
**Shannon Kohlmeier (Council Co-Chair)**  
**Melissa Mohomed (Treasurer)**

**Maureen McMath (Parent Member)**  
**Barb Pringle (Teacher Staff Rep)**  
**Michelle Richea (Rooftop Garden Committee Chair)**  
**Andrew Rosen (Parent Member)**  
**Jamie Vieira (Parent Member)**

**Other Parent Attendees:**

**Elizabeth Amerongen**  
**Gerry Ugalde**  
**Jennifer Seeboo**  
**Matt Davies**

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/Communicate with
Welcome/Introductions of 2016/17 Council members	-Council Attendees were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Schedule of Meeting Dates (SK/CF)	-Shannon & Cecile confirmed that the first Monday of the month is the agreed upon day for School Council meetings, exception if the month of March when we do not meet.	-Once upcoming school council dates are firmed up, Shannon will post them on the School Council bulletin board in the front hall as well as send an email.
Consideration of remaining Council spaces	-Nomination process reviewed. Attendees informed if they wished to nominate themselves for elected positions or as parent members, that they may do so. Two parent members were added. -There was a brief review of the types of issues voted on – such as school expenditures and governance matters.	
Election for the Executive (Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer)	-Last years elected council members reviewed their roles / responsibilities. Results of elected positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair - Cecile and Shannon volunteered to continue with their roles as Co-Chairs and were acclaimed.</li> <li>Secretary – This position will likely be filled on a rotating basis.</li> <li>Treasurer – Melissa accepted nomination and was acclaimed as Treasurer.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Committee Chairs – Expressions of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rooftop Garden</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Governance</li> </ul>	<p><b>-Rooftop Garden:</b> Michelle reviewed last years experience of leading the RTG Committee with guidance from Liza. She is looking forward to incorporating new ideas and is looking for some new committed parent volunteers to help out with the scheduled waterings.</p> <p><b>-Jackson</b> expressed interest in helping with the RTG and will act as a co-chair along with Michelle.</p> <p><b>-Fundraising:</b> Liza reviewed last year’s successful fundraising initiatives (the Move-a-Thon, silent auction &amp; bake sale, QSP magazine subscriptions). Liza welcomes any parents interested in volunteering their time for different fundraising initiatives.</p> <p><b>-Julie</b> asked if council parent members are able to volunteer for more than one sub-committee. The answer is yes.</p> <p><b>-Communications/Governance:</b> Sara spoke about last years Governance Committees initiatives in creating a student council handbook and the Communications Committee developing a parent communication survey.</p> <p><b>-Possibility</b> that moving forward this year, the two committees could meet on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis. Agreement to take this approach this year.</p> <p><b>-Discussion</b> of adding a Playground Committee and Eco Committee.</p>	
<p><b>School Update</b></p>	<p><b>-Victor</b> expressed delight in seeing so many interested people come out to the first School Council meeting, both returning members and new attendees. He also encouraged all present to enlist others to get involved – including parents of middle school students.</p> <p><b>-Total student count for 2016/17 is 276 – Brock</b> is closed to those living outside the catchment area.</p> <p><b>-Cross country</b>, which is open to Gr. 1 – 8 students, has welcomed over 100 students this year! Reminder that all students are welcome to participate for the cross country team – qualifying try outs not required.</p> <p><b>-Victor</b> spoke about the many ways for Brock students to get involved at school – some of the teams and clubs available this year are: the Eco Club, softball team, student council.</p> <p><b>-Safe School Committee – Victor</b> mentioned that the students have already had 2 fire drills and a lock down drill over the past month.</p> <p><b>-Buzzer system</b> for the Day Care was implemented last week and parents are still transitioning to the new system. Reminder that the main school doors on Margueretta are for Brock students and family, while the north side doors have the day care buzzer.</p>	

<b>Business from Previous Year – Classroom Reps</b>	<p>-Shannon and Cecile broached the idea of classroom parent reps to act as a conduit and further communication between teacher and parents. A way for parents to feel more connected.</p> <p>-Liza questioned what type of information would be communicated and asked how this would differ from information brought home in the students' agendas.</p> <p>-Shannon commented that there might be a gap in communication with some groups at the school who may feel they aren't included and this would help solve this problem.</p> <p>-Both parents and teachers weighed in on the idea. Some agreed it would be a helpful communication tool and a means for parents to connect with one other. Others felt that a parent classroom rep would be unnecessary and might add needlessly to the teachers' work load.</p>	<p>-Shannon and Cecile will review feedback and revisit this idea at a latter date.</p>
<b>Next School Council Meeting – November 7, 2016</b>		

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