

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, February 24, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Library, main floor

Present: Yasmin Buhariwalla (Principal), Cecile Farnum, , Tyler Clark Burke, Matt Davies, Alex Liszka, Moshik Galanty

Land Acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinabe (A-nish-i-naa-bæ), the Hadnesawne (Had-ne-saw-nee) Confederacy and the Wendat (Wen-dat). We also recognise the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples."

The acknowledgement of the land on which we are situated is an important show of respect, presence and an assertion and recognition of Indigenous self-determination. It aims to bring Indigenous presence and voice to Canadian society and its institutions (e.g., schools); create an opportunity for Indigenous students and staff to begin their day within their cultural context; and foster mutual respect and reconciliation."

A G E N D A

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. AOB		
2. Update from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TDSB directive re: School Council activities during labour sanctions - during labour sanctions, activities	

	<p>should be postponed or cancelled so as not to create extra work for school administrators and staff</p> <p>Since there are fewer in-class hours right now, schools are prioritizing learning opportunities over other activities</p> <p>Move-a-thon will be rescheduled for later in the school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget update - Funds are in good shape (in part because we've been spending less due to the strike). Scientists in the Classroom will be the only big spend this year. Artists in the Classroom will be next year. • Council membership now at 10 from the maximum of 12. This will only change the number of votes needed to meet quorum. • Cecile a member of PIAC, Ward 9 Alternate - PIAC stands for Parental Involvement Advisory Committee)for Ward 9. Each ward has two representatives who sit on the committee. Link to more information: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee <p>Cecile is an alternate member for Ward 9 with another parent. Together, they represent the parental interests</p>	
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	<p>for all the TDSB schools in our ward (e.g. Shirley, Dewson, Brock, etc.). There is a 2-year commitment for this position. Monthly meetings are at 5050 Yonge St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Lunch Update - Pizza lunches are teacher-run so Brock will resume lunches next year (provided strike actions have ceased). 	
3. Reducing plastic and other gifts during school celebrations (TCB)	<p>Discussed the need to reduce plastic, candy, and other non-recyclable items coming home on school holidays. The hope is to look to other schools modelling zero take-home waste on these days, to both reduce the environmental impact of these milestone days, but also to lessen the expectations on teachers and parents to put together bags of gifts for each child (at their expense). The suggestion was to look for ways to celebrate the holidays in the classroom without generating waste, especially given Brock's status as an eco-school.</p>	Yasmin to deliver messaging at the outset of the next school year to parents
4. Logo submissions for Brock Lightning	Ideas have been received from students	Tyler to look at designing a logo based on student submissions
5. Principal's Update	<p>Cooling centre:</p> <p>There will be an additional cooling centre this summer (the gymnasium).</p> <p>Staffing update:</p> <p>Caretaker Neil was promoted and is now working at</p>	

	<p>AMG. New caretaker is named Muhammed.</p> <p>Kindergarten:</p> <p>Kindergarten registration went well (similar numbers enrolled this year).</p> <p>Technology:</p> <p>Sprott Foundation donated money for technology. 60 Chrome books. 30 for 7/8s. 30 for other grades. 30 iPads. Every primary class has 10 iPads. Purchased 25 headsets with microphones. Coding equipment for the library. Security carts and needed accessories (covers, etc.). School budget contributed as well.</p> <p>Use of school equipment for fundraising for the school. Alex wondering about permitting the school for a fundraiser basketball tournament.</p> <p>Anyone can permit TDSB schools to access the facilities. Go to the TDSB permit office section of the website. It can be used for fundraising, although not 'officially' – any funds can be donated to the school. The school principal has final say on approval.</p> <p>Final school council meeting will be held in April/May, depending on labour actions.</p>	<p>Check to see if a standard fundraiser item can go in School Cash Online and not expire (Yasmin)</p>
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