

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, January 9 2017

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Staff Room, 2nd floor

Childcare provided in room 9

A G E N D A

In attendance: Julie Booth (notetaker), Michelle Richea, Jess Abraham, Victor Tran, Sara Cook, Anthony Crifo, Barb Pringle, Andrew Rosen, Liza Grindlay, Shannon Kohlmeier, Cecile Farnum, Maureen McMath, Elizabeth Amerongen, Jamie Viera, Jackson Foster.

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. Any Other Business (AOB)	Jess mentioned the possibility of acquiring a Parents Reaching Out Grant, which provides provincial funds for School Council initiatives. Can be used to help address academic curriculum (ie. Math, Resiliency etc...) and encourage parental engagement. Grants aren't due for a little while so we have some time to brainstorm ideas for the grant submission. Victor and Liza have explored this before.	Jess to do a bit of research on deadlines and talk briefly at next meeting on her findings Shannon will ask Ms. Kondo to archive the meeting minutes further into the past on the school website.
2. Heritage Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Summary of Concerns- Engagement strategies for parent community	Summary of concerns was outlined on tonight's agenda (see below). We need to identify any further feedback and concerns from parents/students, to ensure that we are capturing the needs and wants of the entire community, as much as is possible. Suggestions included a survey, formal letter in backpacks, using school events to further engage parents on the issue.	Cecile, Shannon and Elizabeth & Victor to discuss next steps to reach out to parents on this issue, and identify TDSB schools that have gone to a referendum on this issue.

	<p>Breakfast.</p> <p>Discussed upcoming kindergarten registration – Council members are welcome to help out.</p> <p>Also mentioned a parent outreach event for Council – table with coffee/TimBits in the mornings, meet Council members. Discussed other ways to reach out to parents, particularly parents of older students who are not at the school for pick up/drop offs. Look at having a presence at Curriculum Night, High School Info nights, connections through the Guidance Counsellor. It was noted that this is another place that a classroom rep could be very helpful.</p> <p>Reminder that the school will be transitioning to “School Cash Online” – online payment for school-related expenses, but still options for parents/families that don’t have Internet at home. Payment histories can be tracked. A small administration fee (2%) will apply and be built into the cost of items online.</p> <p>This is an example of how we can start to be more transparent or clear with families on expected costs at the start of the year. Items that will be offered via Cash Online will be: Pizza days, Breakfast Program, Spirit Wear, Class Trips, etc. Reduces administrative</p>	<p>Details will be forwarded via email – please RSVP to Liza if you can help out.</p>
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	<p>tasks for teachers and more eco-friendly.</p> <p>Reminder that the School “Newsletter” is now going to be online. Hardcopies only upon request.</p> <p>Hold on to your protractors! Another event coming is: “Math Night” happening in the spring 2017.</p> <p>Monday February 6, 2017 – Next Meeting.</p>	
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Summary of Questions Raised re: Heritage Languages at Brock

- The history of the International Languages Program, and its structure – Integrated Day program vs. Weekend, evening, after school programs
- Why it's available at some schools, and not others
- How the languages of instruction are chosen
- Questions regarding instructor qualifications for teaching elementary students in a K-8 environment
- Concerns around the inconsistency of the program with school instruction, evaluation and routines
- Recommended process for receiving parent feedback about child's progress in Heritage Languages