

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, April 9, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Staff Room, 2nd floor

Present: Jessica Abraham, Jessica Shepherd, Jackson Foster, Shannon Kohlmeier, Melissa Mohammad, Andrew Rosen, Michelle Richea, Lori Cullen, Matt Davies, Cecile Farnum, Lindsay Brown

School Staff: Beverley Muir (Principal), Anthony Crifo, Barb Pringle, Liza Grindlay

A G E N D A

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
<p>1. School Update – Principal Muir</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff changes: half time secretary has moved to another school, Ms. Rita will return in the afternoons. • Michelle Sale is leaving Brock, Vicky Perrin will take on coordination of International Languages program. • Projected enrolment for 2018/19: 306 (current is 295), which means there will be no staff declared surplus. There are currently 3 LTO teachers, they may or may not return. • New student reception will be next Thursday (for students coming to Brock for Grade 7) • Principal Muir discussed the upcoming survey on the Int. Languages program for schools with the Integrated Model, which includes Brock. The purpose is to determine parent satisfaction. Parents are strongly encouraged to promote and complete the survey. Beverly will ask for paper copies to have on hand. Proposed deadline will be May 4th and then we will have one week to 	<p>Council will utilize emails to parents, Fb, classroom reps and other parents to encourage completion of the survey.</p>

	<p>encourage any last-minute completions by the May 11th deadline. Council expressed its appreciation to Principal Muir for her work on this.</p>	
<p>2. Update from the Chair:</p> <p>Program Area Review meetings</p> <p>PRO Grant Funds – speaker on Social Media, Internet</p> <p>Vendor response to lunch program survey</p> <p>Fix Our Schools</p>	<p>This process could have some impact on Brock’s Intermediate enrolment. This document is important to read, it addresses the planning involved when schools are approaching over capacity (Brock is projected to be over capacity in 2021, but this process is to consider changing catchment areas for other schools in our Ward). A meeting is taking place on April 16th at Oakwood Collegiate. There is also a review of French Programs (separate meetings). Questions about the impact on childcare and pathways to high school for affected schools.</p> <p>Social Media Parent Workshop – close to a date, it will be an evening later in May.</p> <p>Lunch Program Survey – 3 vendors responded and are interested in a month-long trial - this helps understand the demand and to see if it’s feasible. There is no preferred vendor that came out of the survey. The trial could be in May or September. They can provide for KG students, but it’s complicated for the school. Concerns about the amount of waste to be generated by packaging and the impact on caretaking is also a possible complication.</p> <p>Fix Our Schools – there has been</p>	<p>Cecile attending meetings and will report back as it progresses.</p> <p>Will be shared once finalized.</p> <p>Cecile will discuss further with Principal Muir and coordinate a meeting with a possible vendor and school staff, if this is wanted.</p> <p>Parents can check out: Building Better Schools:</p>

<p>Campaign</p> <p>QSP Fundraising</p>	<p>some media buzz about this parent-driven campaign to fix the funding formula for schools: more special education teachers, smaller classes etc. There is a pledge asking parents to write to MPP's. The Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario also has a similar campaign, Building Better Schools, for parents to sign and show their support.</p> <p>Important for parents to take action and support these initiatives. Especially in this year given the election.</p> <p>A Political / Parent Action Committee may be helpful to coordinate advocacy and other political efforts.</p> <p>QSP – have worked with this company that supports school fundraising initiatives, such as the Bloom Bulb fundraiser, magazine subscriptions, cookie dough, etc. Do we want another fundraiser this year? Doesn't seem like there is an appetite for this, given we recently did the Move-a-thon and Jump Rope for Heart. Magazine subscriptions from the past (that renew) will still generate funds to the school. Discussed the importance of planning out fundraising for the whole year (alongside other key school activities).</p>	<p>https://www.buildingbetterschools.ca/take_action</p> <p>Fix Our Schools: http://fixourschools.ca/</p> <p>Decision to table this agenda item to the June meeting, and planning the 2018/19 fundraising schedule</p>
<p>3. Rooftop Garden Planning (JF)</p>	<p>No garden for the summer this year, because there is no summer school program. Classes can continue to use the garden until the end of the school year. Some upcoming opportunities to utilize the Rooftop Garden includes a garden salad for</p>	<p>A note will go out to the teachers to remind them</p>

	<p>the grade 8 graduation, kindergarten classes growing radishes, and Ms. Moreiro's class is growing food for the bearded dragon, Bakon.</p> <p>Flowers and perennials are also an option. Jackson has been doing research on heat and drought tolerant perennials and will work with the Eco Club. Parent volunteers will be needed in the fall.</p>	<p>of the opportunity to utilize the Rooftop Garden and other growing initiatives in their classes. Beverley asked to be kept in the loop.</p>
<p>AOB - Dogs in the school yard</p>	<p>Parent concerns were raised about the dog poo in the yard. The concern is mostly about dog activity after school hours.</p> <p>Reminder that kids aren't allowed to ride bikes and scooters in the yard. Interest for more space for bike racks.</p>	<p>Cecile and Beverly will discuss and report back to the Council.</p> <p>Will consider how to communicate no bikes/scooters in the yard to the parent community. Beverly will ask Victor about the bike racks, as there may have been a plan in place prior to his absence.</p>

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