

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, February 6 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: Victor Tran, Cecile Farnum, Shannon Kohlmeier, Jaimie Viera, Matt Davies, Jess Abraham, Melissa Mohamed, Barb Pringle, Sara Cook, Michelle Richea (minutes)

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. Any Other Business (AOB)	<p>Wellness Event at the School in April – request for parent volunteer to help coordinate.</p> <p>Request for some clarification as to the arts mandate of the school.</p>	<p>Council asked to express interest in helping Victor coordinate this event by contacting him directly.</p> <p>Victor addressed through integration of classroom curriculum and school initiatives (e.g., Arts and Technology showcase, school murals, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math).</p>
2. Update from the Treasurer (MM)	<p>Melissa provided an update on Council funds – currently about \$11,000 in account, with \$200-300 outstanding expenses. Waiting for cheques to be delivered.</p> <p>School Councils don't have to spend all their funds in the school year, but can carry funds over for big spending items, i.e. computers, playground – this needs to be documented in planning documents submitted to the Board. Reminder to keep receipts for reimbursements from petty cash.</p>	

	<p>Fundraising Update - Plan to do QSB magazine drive in May, online only. There's no associated presentation/ incentive driven campaign to students</p> <p>Feb. 13th Eco Club Bake Sale – looking for some donations of baked items, since the group has only 20 students.</p>	<p>Liza will provide a short blurb to be shared with the parent community to Shannon/Cecile for email, social media. Volunteers can drop off treats at office on Monday morning, February 13th.</p>
3. Funding Request Proposals – Vote	<p>Brief review of funding proposals from teachers, which were shared in advance with parent members</p> <p>Ms Papalle, Mr Malolos - \$650 – bus expenditure for annual Grade 8 Grad trip – Approved</p> <p>Ms Kondo – Forest of Reading, celebration of literacy and reading - \$225 + \$350 – for tickets and busing, extra \$ to use for book purchases for the library – total \$575 – Approved</p> <p>Ms Yannapolous – donated piano, replacement for gym – moving expenses \$450-500 – Approved</p> <p>Ms Givolos gr 4-6 - \$342 – trip to science centre, dream big movie at IMAX – focus on engineering – Approved</p>	<p>Melissa needs approved proposals documented and put in binder in case of audit. Cecile to print for binder</p>
4. Parent Reaching Out Grant – (JA)	<p>Attachment presented by Jess. Appropriate to pursue application process when it becomes available in March.</p>	<p>Victor to forward application details when available in March. If interested in helping coordinate a grant</p>

	Victor/ Parent Council to be notified. Grant writing workshop to be made available closer to due date. More information can be found online . \$1000 maximum per school, but option to partner with other schools to maximize available funds.	proposal, please contact Cecile or Jess. Will also consider asking broader parent community to participate as well.
5. Mental Health & Wellness Workshop (SK)	Shannon attended event to discuss ways of supporting mental health initiatives, as well as an emphasis on Mindfulness. Some information was distributed to the group.	
6. Heritage Languages Update (CF)	Jolly Yang has met with Victor, between parent council meetings. Elizabeth, Shannon, Cecile and Victor to set-up at meeting. Already in existence is a survey to question community if they want to continue participation in Heritage Languages. May not require a large percentage of responses from parents to make a change to the existing program. The upcoming meeting will help us understand the implications of conducting the survey. Not the only school experiencing challenges and concerns with program. To dialogue with other schools around issue as well.	After meeting with Jolly Yang, will update the group on the discussions, and discuss next steps. Cecile & Shannon will reach out to other school councils on this issue as well.
7. Committee Updates – Fundraising & Rooftop Garden	N/A for Rooftop Garden. Reflection on what committees may be helpful for next year, i.e. social justice committee?	Everyone to reflect on needed/ desired committees for next year. To be deferred to discussion in future.
8. School Update (VT)	Good News: Clubs and Teams busy this time of year.	Seeking volunteer support to help deliver wellness event.

	<p>GO Boys/ GO Girls Clubs in partnership with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, BOOST program, Eco Club, Yoga Club</p> <p>Many of these clubs take place over the lunch hour, which can be a problem for students who want to go outside. The gym is often busy with team sports after school and fully booked. Difficult for Daycare to find times to access the gym.</p> <p>Principal Tran provided some upcoming initiatives, such as a Happiness Board to be created on main floor and a Buddy program.</p> <p>Summer school for 2017 will run from 8:30-2:30 for 2.5 weeks. Shorter period of time to allow for kids participation in other programs. Longer days will allow better use of funds for field trips</p> <p>AOB item on Art in the curriculum. Utilizing the STEAM approach, with integration into the curriculum.</p> <p>Elizabeth expressed interest in a choir at the school. Have tried in the past, but limited interest.</p> <p>Reminder that kindergarten registration 3:30-6:00 on this Thursday.</p>	<p>For a future meeting, explore possibilities for funding to bring in choral group with 'cool' factor.</p>
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Reminder – no Council meeting in March

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