

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, January 8, 2018

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

Staff Room, 2nd floor

Present: Melissa Mohammed, Cecile Farnum (Chair), Michelle Richea, Lori Cullen, Jess Abraham (minutes), Melanie Zanker, Barb Pringle (Teacher), Shannon Kohlmeier, Elizabeth, Matt Davies, Liza Grindlay (Staff), Anthony Crifo (Teacher), Jackson Foster, Lindsay Brown, Elizabeth Amerongen, Beverly Muir (Principal).

Regrets: Andrew Rosen, Julie Booth, Sally Morgan

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. School Update (BM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices & Cell Phones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are allowed to use personal devices related to school activities as per TDSB Policy (personal use of devices). Teachers will advise students/parents the timeframe when the in-class use of devices will be allowed as it relates to the curriculum.There have been some challenges with grade 7 /8 students not following through on the contract their parents signed in Sept 2017Principal Muir will meet with the students and remind them that any devices must be powered off and out- of- site when the morning bell and afternoon bell ring. This must be done BEFORE they enter the buildingShould students use the phone for personal use during the day in the building during instructional hours, they will be asked to place it in a brown envelope and it will be kept in the office until they pick it up at the end of the day. This will be followed up by a phone call to their parent/guardian. Repeated infractions will result in a meeting with parents.Discussion of modeling with younger kids – for parents attending school trips not using devices or a guideline on minimal / only necessary use.	<p>The school will be sending home a letter to grades 5-8</p> <p>The group looking at the use of the PRO grant money will consider a future Brock Talks workshop on this topic</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tran 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No student under grade 7 should have a phone on site – but some bring them, as they are allowed to use them in daycare. Ms. Muir will discuss with daycare and follow-up at the next Parent Council Mtg. • perhaps we can address this in one of the Brock Talks workshops. • Good Resource from CAMH: Youth, family & Interactive Technology • Mr. Tran still off and taking care of his health. Principal Muir has been in touch and will update when there is further information. 	
<p>3. Winter Concert Thank You (All)</p>	<p>Thanks to all of the staff and parent volunteers who helped pull it together - it was wonderful!</p> <p>We need to send thank you cards to the businesses that donated.</p> <p>Discussion of getting more chairs – not allowed due to fire regulations. Teachers have been thinking about restructuring the evening as the community is growing and more parents are keen to attend.</p>	<p>Cecile will send out an email with the list and folks can sign up.</p>
<p>4. Proposed Budget Structure (CF)</p>	<p>Cecile sent out an email with a suggestion to parcel out funds per grade grouping, so that teachers have a pot of funds to access vs. putting in a request each year. This includes a dedicated pot of funds for Phys ed and music. Question if the library should get a designated pocket of funds as well.</p> <p>Discussion of how to distribute as there are less older students – argument was made that older students have more involved trips.</p> <p>Discussion on best way to use funds.... Planning for bigger ticket items such as AV, sports equipment etc.</p> <p>Budget sub committee was suggested to meet in the spring so a process is determined by September.</p>	<p>Decision: music and sports equipment approved</p> <p>1,800 for grade groupings approved (FDK – 2, 3-6 and 7/8)</p> <p>Will look at a budget committee to evaluate this approach at the</p>

		end of the year
5. Communicating Lunch Program Info (CF)	Many folks missed the last meeting when the info was communicated. Cecile is looking for a few folks who will work with her on communicating the options to parents.	Matt will work with Cecile – other interested parties can contact Cecile.
6. Civic Engagement in the 2018 City Budget (CF)	<p>A community civic engagement group approached the school council about doing a deputation for the upcoming City of Toronto Budget process and a training workshop was offered. We declined the workshop.</p> <p>FYI: Community Meeting: <i>Gender Budget Town Hall</i> http://www.ward27news.ca/gender_budget_townhall_2018</p>	Cecile will share the email and people can contact them directly.
7. Supporting Students from Feeder Schools Transition to Brock (CF and SC)	Parent from Perth PS discussed the difficulty in the transition to Brock, as friendships and connections are already formed. We do “onboarding” well with kindergarteners but perhaps not for others. The Grade 6’s are invited to Play Day and spend a day at Brock- question if the support is required for the kids or the parents? There is a possible connection to class reps, this can be investigated further as well.	Sharon (parent) will do some research and propose some solutions to the group.
8. Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move-a-thon • KG registration 	<p>Move a thon date is: March 2nd – Liza will help with communication to teachers, once confirmed, Melissa will confirm and ask for volunteers. Melissa ran through the list of tasks that will require support.</p> <p>KG registration – Thursday February 8th 3:30-6 - 4 volunteers will be needed. Registration is partially online (new this year), but parents still need to come in to the school.</p>	Cecile will send out a call for assistance. Snacks will be arranged for people who bring their kids.

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