

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, March 4, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Library, main floor

Present: Cecile Farnum, Jessica Shepherd, Tyler Clark Burke, Omaida Ali, Lindsay Brown, Musafar Malik, Matt Davies Yasmin Buhariwalla (Principal), Stephanie Donaldson (Trustee), Anthony Crifo (Teacher)

A G E N D A

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. Land Acknowledgment		
2. AOB	Crayola markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in collecting used markers from parents and shipping to Crayola • Eco School already does this in classes – connect with Ms. Givelos
3. Update from Trustee / Principal	Int. Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal will send a letter to parents to announce the move from three international languages to one • After March Break, survey to parents • Will Survey students gr. 4-7 as well • Will review the data from the school to make sure the three languages still represent the population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey from Continuing Education to be developed and sent to parents (YB/SD)

Hot Temperatures in Schools

- Hot weather – the section in Education Act that defines inclement weather mentions cold weather, but not hot. Would require a change to this language from the government.
- School windows cannot open enough to have venting - it was noted that some schools have parents who come in to plug in their own air conditioners
- Future meeting about Bloor CI renovations to take place in the Spring

School Update:

- School staffing updates: have hired a .5 teacher to teach Gr. 5, Michelle Sale
- Ms. Lamovsek is teaching Gr. 4/5
- There are a lot of lates at morning drop offs for parents with kids of different ages, decided to align a common drop off time for all grades, and have a recess for Gr. 7/8
- Student, staff and feedback is positive about this potential change – will present times at next meeting
- Yasmin hopes to get staffing numbers soon (will reschedule April meeting to accommodate this)
- Safety issue to have parents in the school after 9am, Yasmin will remind parents to wait outside for kids to be released
- Parking lot issues, not enough parking for staff - will now be towing any cars that don't belong to

	<p>staff – can be an issue with supply teachers who need parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra lockers on the 3rd floor for 7/8 have been ordered • In terms of math improvement, the school has purchased Leaps and Bounds for the Gr 7/8 – it’s a diagnostic tool that helps group students into pathways at different levels • Worked with Shirley St. teachers on math professional development • Equity professional development for all staff on removing biases and systemic barriers which can impact on student learning and achievement. Workshop resumes on the next PD day (so teachers can discuss efficacy of their lesson plans on equity). • Carnavale de Brock a great success! <p>Upcoming workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th of March an anti-bullying workshop • Kindies doing a drama workshop 	
<p>4. Update from the Chairs:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a Better Bloor Dufferin letter of support from Council – vote to support in principle • Recruiting and identifying parent volunteers for clubs, sports activities, etc. • TDSB Policy Consultations ongoing: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since no quorum, Cecile to send an email for a vote in support of a letter of endorsement for BBD • Can recruit parents to identify themselves as potential volunteers and create a database – for example, parents to go on field trips. Cecile to

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents as Partners conference: www.parentsaspartners.ca • Next Ward Forum: March 21, 7 PM, Fern Avenue Public School. • Creating an application form available to parents, committees, who want to plan an event, workshop, etc. Will ask them to determine whether they need funding, space requirements, need for volunteers, etc. • May meeting to identify proposals for next year & determine needs for fundraising • Coffee and chat parent engagement events mid-April at pick up/drop off (volunteers welcome!) 	<p>look at the best way to do this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop application form for school council funding (CF/JS) • Upcoming parent engagement activity in April at pick up/drop off. Also want a presence at Kindergarten Registration (CF/JS)
<p>5. Committee updates:</p>	<p>Social Justice Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee chair still required (or point person?) • Focus on action & activism • West End Parents for Public Education meeting notes, highlights, moving forward - main goals are to create a representative group of the whole parent community, schools that are safe spaces for LGBTQ students and staff, and the TRC incorporated in the school, as well as other overarching concerns • Formed to counteract Ford government activities <p>Fundraising Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move-a-thon update – raised over \$3000, still donations to trickle down through School Cash Online • Final event to be determined (May/June) 	

	Arts Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• looking on Ukelele School at Brock, Yasmin to meet with U-School in the near future	
6. Update from the Treasurer		deferred

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