

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, March 5, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Staff Room, 2nd floor

Present: Cecile Farnum (Chair), Lori Cullen, Jessica Shepherd, Matt Davies, Michelle Richea

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

A G E N D A

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. AOB – sweet treats contributed by parents in FDK (Lori Cullen)		
2. School Update – Principal Muir a) International Languages program b) Summer School Update c) Orientation to external Gr. 7 cohort d) streamlining and documenting process for teachers to access designated funds	a) Principal Muir met recently with Board staff working in International Languages. She reported that the Integrated Model cannot be changed at this time. The only option is to survey the school to move to one language only at the school, which can be done if there's interest b) No summer school this year, due to changes to the funding model.	a) Cecile noted that Trustee Stiles continues to support schools who want a review of the program. Parents can continue to express concerns via Trustee Stiles. b) Parents will be informed this week that there will be no summer school

	<p>c) Orientation for incoming students entering Gr. 7 from other schools, but who live in the Brock catchment – students and parents will be invited to the school– students will be paired with a buddy, tour the school, have lunch, visit some classrooms. Parents can come for the last period to visit the school and then leave with their child.</p> <p>d) Process funding distributed by Principal Muir. Process will help streamline how teachers access allocated funds, allow School Council to track what has been spent, and provide the necessary paper trail for the school office to release funds</p> <p>Principal Muir also asked for some parent volunteers to help tend to the jumping pit in the schoolyard</p>	<p>c) Principal Muir is still trying to arrive at date that works for all schools involved. Cecile will also look at a possible School Council presence at the Perth Fun Fair in May.</p> <p>d) Distributed and accepted.</p> <p>Cecile will send out a note to ask for some parent volunteers</p>
<p>3. Update from the Chair:</p> <p>1. PRO Grant Funds – speaker on Social Media, Internet</p> <p>2. results of lunch program survey</p> <p>3. planning for remaining Council meetings</p>	<p>a) Have identified a good speaker to come in and speak to Gr. 7/8 class, and parents. Now working with \$800 in the budget for the rest of the year. Speaker has shared available dates, and we will find a time that works.</p> <p>b) Cecile distributed the results of the lunch program survey. About 60 survey respondents. Strongest supporters of a lunch program were in FDK. The cost is a concern, and some participants expressed limited interest. Will vendors be able to service the FDK classes and the school age students?</p> <p>c) Arts-Based Opportunities – due to the staffing model at a school there may or may not be a more dedicated Art Teacher. Extracurricular art-based opportunities, such as Ukelele School, are fee-based (\$8/class). Would require additional space in the school, as well as consideration as to how to manage younger</p>	<p>a) Will publicize the date with parents once it is finalized.</p> <p>b) Cecile to share results with vendors to see if they feel there’s enough interest to start a program at Brock. Will share the response with the school, and make a joint response from the school and School Council</p> <p>c) Parents can talk to their MPP about changes to the funding formula that help determine how staffing happens in our schools</p>

	<p>siblings</p> <p>Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) in the curriculum – will see greater curricular content in the future due to the Board’s Equity report, which expresses greater support for staff awareness around TRC, etc. Also, provincial curriculum will now include Indigenous history, culture, etc.</p>	<p>Suggestions for how Council could participate in TRC could include treaty acknowledgement before Council meetings, and providing greater support and awareness of Orange Shirt Day</p>
4. Move-a-thon Update	<p>Move-a-thon went very well this year! We raised over \$4000.</p>	<p>Suggestions for next year include promoting a specific amount to contribute, e.g. “if every family donates \$25 dollars...” It was noted that some schools donate their fundraising monies to less privileged schools.</p>
5. Rooftop Garden Planning (All)	<p>Usually, we are giving seeds to teachers, but with no summer school, very short growing season and no opportunity to access the roof to water, should we go ahead with planting?</p> <p>Will look at planting at the front of the school vs. the rooftop garden, plant some annuals, start some seedlings and share them with the school community</p>	<p>Michelle and Liza will talk to Jackson, and will update at a future meeting.</p>
6. AOB	<p>Sweet treats are often contributed by parents on holidays, birthdays, etc., which can be challenging with kindergarten kids. It was noted that these kinds of celebrations don’t continue as kids get older. The group offered some suggestions on how to manage this with younger kids, and to talk to your child’s teacher if it continues to pose problems.</p>	

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