

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, November 18, 2019
6:00 – 8:00p.m.

Library, main floor

Present: Jessica Shepherd, Tyler Clark Burke, Lori Cullen, Cecile Farnum, Melanie Hunter, Muzafar Malik, Matt Davies, Lindsay Brown, Moshik Galanty

Teachers: Virginia Samuel, Jodi Greenwood

Land Acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinabe (A-nish-i-naa-bæ), the Hadnesawne (Had-ne-saw-nee) Confederacy and the Wendat (Wen-dat). We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples."

The acknowledgement of the land on which we are situated is an important show of respect, presence and an assertion and recognition of Indigenous self-determination. It aims to bring Indigenous presence and voice to Canadian society and its institutions (e.g., schools); create an opportunity for Indigenous students and staff to begin their day within their cultural context; and foster mutual respect and reconciliation."

A G E N D A

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. Ms. Samuel (PE teacher)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starting a search for a mascot.• Need a team name and logo as well.• Old name was the Brock Beavers (and briefly, Broncos, but neither worked).• History is important as we reflect on our new mascot and logo.• School colors are black and yellow.• Need a volunteer parent familiar with vector design.• The plan is to create two different lines of spirit wear: Shield design (current logo) and new mascot in time for spring sports season.• New name should sound good in a cheer.• Narrow down to three, then there will be a school-wide vote.	TCB to help with design.

<p>2. Fundraising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move-a-thon update: cash/cheque/online • Kids helped pick the songs, and kids are the DJs. • Silent Auction: Donated items welcome. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents, please share ideas for donations!
<p>3. Update from the Chairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIAC Conference – update on school council communications with parents • All TDSB School Councils will soon have access to a new system called School Messenger (which will provide an accurate and up-to-date contact list by email). It will eliminate the need for Councils to create separate email lists to contact parents. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Presentation by Ms. Buhariwalla on steps taken by school for children experiencing emotional, educational, or behavioral challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IST (In-School Support Teams) • SST (School Support Team) — — [IST and SST scheduled EVERY month (standing dates)] • IPRC <p>For parents looking for more information on the referral process, this page on the TDSB website should provide additional information on the acronyms and steps listed</p>	

above (though processes may differ slightly as the Board shifts further to an inclusion model):

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership-Learning-and-School-Improvement/Special-Education/Assessment-Referral-Process>

- Ms. Greenwood (Gr. 7/8) presented background information on Empower. Empower is a highly regarded reading program developed or provided through SickKids. Empower is now being instructed at Brock.
- Empower is 110 lessons (110 hours). One year of intensive support to help with reading levels.
- Structured, scripted (rules kids need to remember), oral-based (sounding out strategies, etc.).
- Decoding and spelling (part 1)
- Comprehension (part 2, if needed)
- Grades 2-5 and Grade 6-8 (Two levels)
- Separately, Ms. Greenwood also discussed difference between inclusion and withdrawal methods.
- Jody Greenwood is also the POR (lead teacher with Ms. Bettencourt).

	<p>ALSO: A foundation just donated money to Brock to be used exclusively for technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- money will be equitably distributed across the grades- Examples of items to be purchased: Chrome books, iPads, headsets (noise cancelling and speaking), coding equipment, etc.	
	<p>Other items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's on the radar, but drainage issues in the schoolyard have to do with city infrastructure. All parents should call and put pressure on Ana Bailao and the city (dial 311)!• Other updates from Ms. Buhariwalla: basketball net is on order• Artists in the Classroom - challenges contacting the program, will continue to look into this and other options	

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