

BROCK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, December 5, 2016

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

MINUTES

Present: Cecile Farnum, Shannon Kohlmeir (co-chairs), Julie Booth, Melissa Mohamed, Sara Cook, Liza Grindlay, Gerry Ugalde, Claire Oswald, Tyler Clark Burke, Jess Abraham (minutes), Victor Tran, Andrew Rosen, Marit Stiles (Guest), Maureen McMath, Anthony Crifo, Barb Pringle, Jamie Viera,

Item	Information/Action	Responsibility/ Communicate with
1. Any Other Business (AOB)		
2. Trustee Marit Stiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marit has been the Trustee for Ward 9 since 2014; she is also a parent with a long history of participation on school council. Her interest is education policy. • She has 17 schools and attempts to attend one parent council meeting per year in each school and has a monthly newsletter. • She also holds monthly ward council meetings which cover a wide range of topics, include guest speakers, and she noted that the sharing of information between school councils is very beneficial. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend regardless of whether they are part of their School Council. Meetings provide opportunities for parents to raise concerns and provide feedback. • Parents are encouraged to put forward topic ideas for future ward council meetings, and noted a forum on childcare coming up in the New Year. • Role of trustee: 22 across the city, they make board level policy decisions, pass the budget, do committee work, liaise with advisory committees, hold ward council meetings, assist with issues that cannot get resolved with the teacher / school, advocacy, and engage with relevant local issues (i.e. Sale of TDSB land at Bloor and Dufferin). Trustees don't deal with day to day or curriculum (province), but can have some influence. • Question of getting additional vendors on the school list such as a vendor to provide a lunch room program (school too small for existing vendor). Marit suggested finding a vendor who will do a group this 	

	<p>size and then going through the official process. She will raise this at the next ward council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future of the Bloor / Dufferin land – they are expecting announcements very soon, pushing for community hub and a really fantastic high school not just a few modifications. Once the bidder has been confirmed she will host community meetings. • Contact at: marit.stiles@tdsb.on.ca with questions and to sign up for the newsletter. 	
<p>3. School Update (VT):</p> <p>Winter Concert – Dec 22nd</p> <p>Heritage Languages</p> <p>Staff Holiday Breakfast</p> <p>Parent Wellness Workshop</p> <p>Brock School Improvement Foci</p>	<p>Winter Concert – December 22 Selling pizza, silent auction, WE organisation fundraiser.</p> <p>Heritage Language – invited Jolly Yang to attend the January meeting to give a program overview.</p> <p>Staff Holiday Breakfast – working on this for a while, encouraging parents to attend as well. There will be childcare. Friday Dec 16th from 8:15-8:45</p> <p>Michael Eisen – will do a workshop for parents on how to talk to teens (45 minute workshop) either before or after the April school council meeting.</p> <p>Victor Updated Council on the 3 TDSB foci:</p> <p>Wellness – want to create a positive and active mindset at Brock. Michael Eisen has met with staff, and student</p>	<p>Shannon and Cecile will ask parents to submit questions in advance and will also revisit the past minutes and discussions around this.</p> <p>Shannon & Cecile may ask for volunteers to help with set up</p> <p>Parents will be surveyed on the best time and encouraged to attend.</p>

	<p>leaders – leaders are being trained to develop a school wide focus. Already doing things like anti-bullying week, caring adults, etc.</p> <p>A speaker is available to address the revised curriculum regarding physical activity.</p> <p>Achievement – focusing on math and problem solving (authentic real world problems). Math scores across the province are low and the province is encouraging schools to work on this.</p> <p>Inclusion – looking at how to be more inclusive with students with special needs, and incorporating technology. Blended learning model assists with this.</p> <p>**We need to help parents know when workshops are happening and where to go to get more information.</p>	
4. Funding Requests Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All council members received the requests from teachers and co-chairs. Co-chairs provided a brief outline of the requests. • Melissa provided an update on our finances: • Account has \$11, 142.51 in total. • \$5, 863.80 88 was raised by 88 students at the Move-a-thon. Next year parents will be asked to return the envelopes even if no money was raised. • The # of participating students was down this year. Next year we can start promoting early, try and engage the older students. • Kids had a great time and requested more time. Additional lighting was great. • Thanks to all parent helpers! • Melissa clarified the financial rules – ie. Money raised must be spent in that school year, unless saving for something specific and that is put in writing. • Some proposals were pushed to the New Year as more info is needed. • The technology request was discussed and Victor clarified that SCRATCH is being used in younger grades as well as grades 7-8, and that the school also provides funding for these requests. • Every classroom now has 2 desktops. • Proposal process still being worked on. Teachers can ask for funding again in the new year, to ensure that 	<p>Approved Proposals:</p> <p><u>Staff Breakfast</u> with a limit of \$350</p> <p><u>Sports equipment</u></p> <p><u>KG – science in school</u></p> <p><u>Borrow a bag</u> was passed with a discussion of encouraging re-using of old bags in the future (or a blend)</p> <p><u>Spare clothes</u> \$100 approved with a discussion of what should be purchased, and if donations can assist as well.</p> <p>Not approved</p>

	<p>requests come in from all or most grades. No proposals have been put forward from grades 1-6, Victor will discuss this with teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast – there was a discussion on the breakfast for staff and it was suggested that we create an annual tradition to build community, as well as recognition for teachers. Teachers have already been told of the date. ● We discussed the importance of recognizing and appreciating the teachers and that there are multiple options / ways to do this. Have the teachers been asked what they would like as an appreciation? There was also a question of whether or not it's appropriate to spend fundraising dollars on this type of things when fundraising is typically pitched as providing equipment, technology and supplies for the students. ● Suggestion to have a more fulsome discussion on how to do teacher appreciation and how to pay for this (a specific fundraiser or other?). Perhaps a subcommittee can work on this early so we have more time next year. 	<p><u>computers</u> for 7/8's Council would like more info on before making a final decision.</p> <p><u>Police Checks</u> – . Deferred - will look a process that requires some volunteer hours in exchange for coverage of the cost</p>
<p>5. Committee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rooftop Garden ● Fundraising 	<p>Ran out of time to have committee updates, will do this at next meeting.</p>	

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