

Meeting: June 8, 2026 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Minutes

Council Members Present:

Chair: Julie Prime

Co-chair: Bronwyn Kienapple

Parent representatives: Fernanda, Sarah, Sam, Erin

Principal: Yasmin Buhariwalla

Teacher representative: Ilianna Givelos

Parents: Katherine, Ben, Matt

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
<i>Welcome</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Land acknowledgement	Chair and Co-Chair Julia Prime and Bronwyn Kienapple
Principal's Report	<p>General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to all members for their fundraising efforts. <p>Schoolyard Revitalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A project supervisor has been assigned.• Yasmin will connect with them to review timelines.	Yasmin Buhariwalla

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: The parking lot cannot be used, as it is an access point. Construction may be delayed by up to 3 days in the event of rain. <p>Event Recaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Fair – Successful Grad Trip – Successful <p>Upcoming Dates & Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Celebration – Thursday Graduation Ceremony – June 18 Rainbow Day – June 19 Talent Show – June 23 End-of-Year Assembly – Date TBD Report Cards Issued – June 23 	
<i>Schoolyard Plaque</i>	Will be a Fall task	Council
<i>Teacher Appreciation</i>	<p>Approval for a meal, in appreciation for the teachers</p> <p>Parents can crowdsource donations and volunteer help, outside of official Brock PS and Parent Council channels</p>	Lipi/Lisa/Sarah
<i>Tech/Internet education and awareness</i>	<p>Parent Council Discussion: Raising Digitally Resilient Kids</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support digital students and parents in building resilience 	Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encouraging healthy and appropriate technology use at school (where we have some control) and at home (no control, just providing guidance) <p>Key Challenges Identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased parent-to-student texting during the school day<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cell phones and smartwatches (e.g., iWatches) identified as a major issue• Tech use within classrooms, can we limit the devices and go more traditional routes (paper worksheets, hand writing) which are proven to increase learning + knowledge absorption?• Damage to devices- cost of repairs funded by school <p>Proposed School Approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of “cell phone hotels”/lockers for Grades 7–8 starting next year<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Emphasis on consistent enforcement○ Consider expansion to Grade 6 and potentially Grade 5• Review current policy preventing Brock-issued laptops from going home over the summer	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the potential reintroduction of computer labs <p>Parent Communication & Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send a September email to all families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reinforce that phones are not permitted at school (targeting Grades 6–8) ○ Shared with all families to proactively discourage purchasing new devices for younger students if they will not be accessible during the school day • Provide parent education opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to use parental controls ○ Host parent-led sessions or discussions ○ Share classroom perspectives (e.g., student responses to losing Chromebook access) <p>Initiatives & Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Unplugged Initiative” to encourage reduced screen time and mindful tech use • Council to consider funding additional phone hotels/lockers 	
<i>Parent Council Planning –</i>	<p>Big Picture: Focus for 2026–2027 With the schoolyard project complete, the</p>	<p>Council</p>

<p>2026–2027 School Year</p>	<p>council should define its next priority areas. Potential themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology in schools (digital wellbeing, device use, and policy) • Rooftop garden / outdoor learning initiatives • Student mental health and wellbeing • Broader school enrichment and engagement opportunities <p>Parent Engagement & Communication Goal: Ensure families feel informed, represented, and able to participate in ways that work for them.</p> <p>Key questions and ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we improve ongoing communication with families? • How do we increase meaningful parent participation? In the school council, and general community • What flexible engagement formats could be offered to better include more families? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establish “committee” structures to distribute workload and increase engagement ○ Create a “bench team” of additional volunteers who can be called upon to 	
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	<p style="text-align: center;">support events and initiatives as needed</p> <p>Ideas for Consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a parent survey to understand priorities and discussion topics <p>September School Council Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set a tentative date for the first council meeting in September<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second week of school• Confirm returning members and identify vacancies early• Prepare a “hit the ground running” agenda for the start of the school year, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Priority setting for the year○ Committee formation○ Initial project planning	
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