

Brookfield School Council Meeting November 26th

Attending: Salma Al-Hassoun, Izzie Berish, Glynis Hughes, Jill Carnegie, Cees Artz, Sirin Al-Natoor, Tracy Shapiro, Susan, Wayne, Penny Elieff, Denis Vermeirre, Caroline Peck

Approval of Agenda Izzie – 2nd Carol
Approval of Minutes Izzie - 2nd Penny

Student Report

Salma provided an overview of the various activities that the students have had since our last meeting and what they have planned coming up.

Recently the Muslim Student Association (MSA) had a meat pie sale

November 27th - Trivia Day - featuring 5 Kahoots that the Link Crew have created for the Grade 9s.

December 5th - Movie Night.

December 12th - Music Night with Cake Walk

December 16th – 20th Spirit week,

- Décor Door – contest for Dec 19th
- Holla Day Assembly Dec 20th

Link Crew – ongoing activities in the halls

Homework Club

Salma noted that Homework Club is not as well advertise as it could be in the school. Can there be more advertising? Homework Club (Room 109) has a sign on the door stating the hours are from 8:30 to the Bell.

Penny noted that Room 136 is open as well but was not sure if this was advertised.

Determine which rooms are open and at what times. Which teachers are available to help with homework? Ensure this is advertised in the school. **Action: Tracy Shapiro and/or Penny Elieff**

The question was asked “How can School Council help?” Response: more teachers or flexible hours.

Could former students be invited to help? Yes they could but they would have to go through the Volunteer process that the school has in place.

Suggestion to Salma is to also put this on the Student Council Instagram. **Action: Student Council**

Student Council will be using a Google form for surveying the students once 1 month with a focused topic and it would be anonymous. This will provide them with awareness of the student body needs.

Teacher Report – Penny Elieff

There have been a number of field trips since our last meeting:

- History classes have gone to the Canadian War Museum
- Trades have been to Algonquin College for a tour as well as visiting various sites I.E. Tech visited a saw mill as well as saw forms being poured for cement.
- Business Classes are going to Carleton University for a Business Case competition
- 1 day Rainbow youth forum.

The Holodomer Bus is coming to the school tomorrow and most of the history classes will be participating.

DELFT testing is this week. The exams started yesterday and they will be followed by the interviews.

An observation by the Teachers is that the Students appear tired.

Holla Day Assembly is Dec 20th and auditions will start next week. Once participants are selected practices will begin. Penny has been following up with students from last year for participation in this year's event. Auditions and practices are usually after school and last about an hour

Principal Report – Tracy

It has been a really busy November

Nov 13th International Lunch for the international students – tacos were served for 120 students.
Nov 14th Awards Night where 20% of the student population had 80% and higher - Silver Medal winners and 15 students were Century Club winners – 90% and higher.

November 15th PA Day focused on Equity

November 18th Report Cards will go out. Final Marks will go out in February for 1st semester.

Nov 21st - Lockdown Drill was performed. The Admins were able to clear the school in 25 minutes. They go through every area in the school. Students have to be small, quiet and out of the line of sight. Another practice will be held in the spring.

Of note the Senior Girls Basketball team made it to the National Capital Secondary School Athletic (NCSSA) Finals!

Also today the Ottawa Police came to play basketball against the top intramural team.

Upcoming Events

We Day - December 10th – 15 students will be attending at the NAC.

Music Night – December 12th

The school is scheduled for a Wi-Fi upgrade. It is hoped the upgrade will happen in the summer because if it is done during the school year then there could be the possibility that there may be no Wi-Fi during the week - although maybe for only a couple of days.

Other Business – Teacher Job Action Update

Today was the first day for Job Action. Job Action is different between Elementary School and Secondary School. You may see pickets you may not. Secondary teachers are not participating in EQAO - prep etc. Part of the reason for doing so is that this is not a graduation requirement. They are also not going to complete Ministry of Education reports. They will not participate in Board PA Days. Though they still have to show up and report to the school. They will not participate in Staff meetings that have been scheduled outside of the school day. Brookfield has 1 staff meeting that occurs outside the school day. There will be no comments on report cards. Field trips, extra circular programs are still going on as there are no restrictions for secondary teachers.

Time line between phase 1 and phase 2 – teachers do not have to provide a timeframe. They only have to provide 5 days' notice if they are going to go on strike.

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Update on the Multicultural (MCL) Officer at Brookfield

On November 21st the MCL Office planned a parent meeting for the Arabic speaking parents. Those in attendance were Guidance & VPs. It was a small crowd – only 1 person showed up. Tracy has sent a flyer home with students about this event.

Then there was discussion around what is being done and what can be done. The best method seems to call home and speak to parents or leave a voice message.

At Fielding School it was noted that they send out emails in both Arabic and English. Special letters go out for school events. The teacher for ESL translates the information from the Board.

Tracy confirmed that the MCL Officer is helping with this at BHS.

Sirin indicated that the best way to get information out is through the telephone.

Does the community feel included at the school? At Fielding they had a free dinner to celebrate the Eid al-Fitr. This was for was all families at Fielding. They held it one night with an assembly. Tracy did confirm that they had a Ramadan dinner last year on May 3rd. This was at the start of Ramadan (May 5th – June 3rd). Tracy suggested that she meet with Salma and look at possible dates for doing this again in the New Year. **Action: Tracy Shapiro**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Next meeting January 28th 6:30 pm