

## **Parent Council Minutes for Brookfield High School - Oct 13 2020 mtg**

**Attending via Google Meet:** Tracy, Penny Elieff, Neerja Molhotra, Derek Y, student rep Fateh Said, Glynis Hughes, Declan Lo Monaco, Heather Sherman, Nicole Storeshaw, Nor Hasimah Abu Hassan, Tami Gariepey, Susan Kilborn.

Glynis indicated co-chair role and what she has and why to join. Will gladly chair this year.

Nicole Storeshaw has volunteered to be part of the council. Position not confirmed- co chair?

Susan Kilborn offered to take minutes and distribute.

**Penny Elieff teacher report:** Grade 9 core French and geo courses. Going very well in building. Most students like 4 hrs for one course, teachers feel productive. Many teachers walking at least once. Working well for art class. At home days: course dependent. PE checks in at 9 am and goes over what they are supposed to do (lessons posted). Takes attendance. Check in as required. Checks email frequently. Some teachers have students online with cohort that is in school that day, doing same work. Another teacher is available 10:35- 1:15 and 1:55- 3:05- each course has a person responsible for helping online group. **Teachers want to remind parents that a teacher is available online all day via Google meet and a password.**

**At home days:** contact teacher via email. Can always reach out for help in multiple ways. T, W, T- first language help available in afternoon. Is available comms out to students.

### **Concerns from teachers:**

- 1- If student ill, (or sibling ill), this student can join in online on a Google meet to view the lesson given in school. Don't miss in class in time!
- 2- Check school email daily. MS Poirier – sent an email with 15 min message, and many did not view it.
- 3- Students need to work during at home days, not just in school. Many cohorts only do an hour at home.
- 4- May get work to be finished on “off week” (course from last week), but may have to finish things up.
- 5- If assigned work for both classes (ie assignment due next week for off class), is that typical? Should not be onerous or cumbersome, just consolidation.
- 6- Off days may have different approaches; being online entire “off days” may occur depending on course.

**Student report-** Fatey Said: 25 students each in each committee, student council election coming. All students emailed about this info. Oct 29-Fri 30 – wear costumes to school. Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: spirit week. Fundraising: designing Brookfield mask. These are COVID masks to sell to students. Comms committee: send out all initiatives. Election: now to next Tues – 1 min video for whatever position, Oct 22/23 election.

**VP report Neerja Malhotra:** Thanks to all. Students enjoying themselves. All wearing masks, good compliance. Games going on during 4 hour periods to engage students. Students becoming adaptable. Progress report due next week. Parent teacher interviews will be done virtually.

**P report- Tracy Shapiro:**

- started later, focus 100% safety. Under strict guidelines with OPH. Must implement memos from OCDSB via OPH. Main entrance, Rads, separate for special programs. Seating plans strict, staggered start, limits to practical courses. No sharing. Manipulatives / tool kit- all have own.
- Different schedule.
- Lots of cleaning. Touch points a focus during day, keep moving for 4 hrs. Larger crew in eve, incl office, classrooms, bathrooms (3 cleanings/day). Wide halls – easy distancing. No use of locker bays at present. Met with public health nurse before school started.
- Good compliance with masks. Screening tools: adaptable, as info is changing. No longer runny nose on list. Needs daily screening by parents. Test for sore throat and fevers recommended. Parent attestation form can be provided in the case of allergy/ asthma so that student can be in school. No COVID + cases in BHS thus far. If a + > entire school gets notified, then will reach out to specific class.
- School enrollment: 550-570 usual, this year is lower - 440. Due to children going OC Virtual, (70 students). International student numbers are down. Canceling some classes was required, and focus on core studies.
- Parent teacher: Likely will be a P-T each quadmester. Phone calls/ google meets Oct 21-27<sup>th</sup>. Oct 20- progress report for all students (as we are halfway through quadmester). Mark to date, not midterm or final. No exams this year, no exam days, no summative assessments. Usually 70 % term work, and 30 % final assessment. This year 100% term work (as per OCDSB growing success). This is virtual and in person students. Even if student behind, have entire quadmester to show learning. If need extra time, flexibility to ensure success re: due dates.
- Volunteer hours: grade 12 students this year- only need 20. Grade 9, 10, 11- still 40 hrs is expectation. Vol hrs are now able to be started during school day prior to 3:15 pm (example off day in the community). Also means opportunities in class may be offered.
- Students on hybrid model, some students full remote, some daily school. There is flexibility and fluidity.

**Derek E:** Guidance looks different. Lots of changes in Sept. Most students are set up for at least 2 quadmesters. Katrina L- int'l students, Brooke P grade 9 and 10, Derek E 11 and 12. Appointments via web site or email. Still providing board supports. Referral process, virtual meetings. Psycho-Ed consultant, social worker, itinerant educ assistant .Weekly mtgs and ensure connected with appropriate resources.

**Glynis H:** Any fundraising for grad year celebration? Cathy B takes on Prom committee and grads. If grad wear comes from school – cheaper and more accessible. Still plan for cookie dough- towards prom or gift if cannot have a party. Planned for an in person ceremony- still not occurred- reach out and see if virtuals? Students prefer in person, so a double ceremony may happen to address both cohorts.

**School photos:** off the table for now. Unsure if delayed- may be planned for later.

**Awards night:** on hold. May be virtual. Certs being printed etc.

**Lockers:** may be accessible later, unknown. It's a gathering spot due to locker bays, so it's a risk.

**Physical report cards (end of each quadmester):** will be on Compass.

Next mtg November 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm. Google meets link will be sent just before date.