

Parent Council Minutes for Brookfield High School – Nov 10 2020 mtg

Attending via Google Meet: Tracy Shapiro, Penny Elieff, Neerja Molhotra, student rep Robert Valpy, Imad Rehman, Glynis Hughes, Helen Hopfauf, Nicole Storeshaw, Susan Kilborn, Nour El- Khalili, Declan Lo Monaco, Julie Devonish, Jacob Gauthier

Student report- Nour and Imad were elected in student elections.

- Executive member of student council –Declan (head fundraising),
- Head of broadcasting -Robert Valpy.

Nour and Imad: intros done.

- Nour gave a summary: spirit days. Welcome spirit week over 2 weeks. Plaid / polka dot days, socks and sandals day, grade wars (wear their grade colours), and then TikTok/ meme day. The “wars” are participation btwn grades. PJ day this last week.
- Imad: athletic contest (jump rope / plank), trivia contest. Selling masks with BHS logo is a considered fund raiser > COVID relief, student council for events. Virtual coffee house planned in Feb 2021 (singing, poetry reading) – unsure if virtual or in auditorium.
- Robert: goals is lots of info for students. Pod cast series is planned.
- Declan: mask fundraiser being worked on. Need to finish execution and marketing. Like to fund raise for COVID relief for community, esp those struggling/ having special needs.

Confirmation of School Council members:

- Glynis Hughes- Chair
- Nicole Storeshaw?-
- Susan Kilborn – secretary
- Need OCASC rep.

Teacher report - Penny Elieff:

Sent email to staff and asked for feedback:

Concerns from teachers:

- 1- Remember that there are lots of help sessions. Would like to see more students accessing.
- 2- Next week: intro to all student classes re: who their “ teacher help” online will be. This may encourage engagement.
- 3- Students are not sticking to a routine. Teachers would like to see a school routine whereby students hand work in during the school day, not 3 am, and seek help daily to ensure they are caught up.
- 4- Phys Ed dep’t needs X country ski donations.
- 5- Virtual visitors for careers class in quads 3 and 4.
- 6- Two teachers want to brainstorm volunteer opportunities for those who need hours.

Principal report- Tracy Shapiro:

- 1- Report cards due this Friday. Parents get access to RC starting Nov 20th – via parent portal on OCDSB. Multiple languages.

- 2- New timetables went out today to all students. Start next Monday- quad #2 . A few switches may occur. 2 big changes:
 - a. Friday 13 is Cohort B day, then Monday Nov 16 again a cohort B day.
 - b. The week of Nov 16 switches between the 2 classes for all students, for that week only.
 - c. Nov 23- goes back to week 2 for entire week. (ie full course for an entire week).
- 3- Remembrance Day- celebrated virtually. Program provided. Students and teachers at school have some contributions: Poem tweeted/ web site. Mrs Reyes and Mr Tiexara- remembering black military personnel. YouTube channel availability.
- 4- No exams.
- 5- Grade 12: waived literacy test requirement for current grade 12's only. As long as 30 credits, no requirements for lit test THIS YEAR.
- 6- Community service requirement= only 20 hours total to graduate.
- 7- Colder weather: allow students in at 8:55. Classes start 9:20. Procedure = go to class directly.
- 8- Media release and tech forms should be sent in by all parents – via a link, hard copies sent to some classes. All links / pictures for spirit/ fund raising require parent permission – pls complete these.
- 9- Help for students: very few students logging in for 75 min resources. OCDSB offering drop in help grade 7-12; up until 7:30 pm. Lots of courses: math, Eng, French, ESL, all sciences, etc. They must register for this. This will be on all Google class rooms, and TS will send out.

School photos: still on hold. Graduates first if goes ahead. Ms Malhotra says convo going on with different photographers with PPE/ requirements.

Awards night: Class of 2020 will have virtual grad Dec 10th 7 pm, broadcasted on YouTube. Other award ceremony have to be virtual only. No groups even coming to office. As protocols are worked out for grade 12, we will know for other grades.

Parent –teacher interviews: Ms Malhotra says central locations to VP > teachers > 132 requests (25 % of school) > went well. Both google meets and calls went well. **This will go ahead x 3 more times.**

Lockers: no at this point due to locker bays. Abundance of caution. Exception = boots for phys ed students.

Fund raising- up in the air still, unclear.

Next mtg December 8, 6:30 pm. Google meets link will be sent just before date.