



Brookville School Council Newsletter



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Highlights and updates from Mr. Levante at our latest Council meeting.



Welcome Back, Brookville A New Year, New Ideas

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We're excited to introduce this year's School Council and to create more opportunities for families to feel informed, involved and connected to our school community.

One of our goals this year is to make School Council **more visible and accessible** to all families. Through these newsletters, we hope to share what Council is working on, where fundraising dollars are going, upcoming events and opportunities for families to participate.

What is Council, anyway?

Think of School Council as a group of parents, guardians and school staff who care about making our school community even better.

It's a place to share ideas, ask questions, pitch in when you can, and help support things that make school a little more fun, connected and meaningful for our kids.

No special skills required. No need to know all the rules. If you care about the school and want to be involved in any way (big or small!), you're welcome.

So... what do we actually do?

A little bit of everything!

Throughout the year, Council may:

- Plan school events and community activities
- Raise money for things that benefit students
- Share parent ideas, questions and feedback
- Work with school administration on upcoming priorities
- Help decide how Council fundraising dollars are used
- Rally volunteers when extra hands are needed
- Keep families informed and connected
- Bring forward ideas from parents across the school

Basically: we help bring people together, support the school, and make good ideas happen.

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19**

**Next Council
Meeting**

FAQ ♦

Curious about Council? Here are a few more things you might want to know.



Is School Council just about fundraising?

Not at all! Fundraising is one part of what we do, but Council is also about bringing families together, sharing ideas, supporting school events and helping parents and guardians stay connected and informed.

Does Council run the school?

Nope — that's the job of school administration and staff. We work alongside the school, share parent perspectives, support initiatives and help build a stronger school community.

Do I have to be on Council to participate?

Absolutely not! You can join a meeting, help with a fundraiser, volunteer at an event, or just send us an idea. You don't need to make a year-long commitment to be involved.

We would love to see more parents and guardians from all grades and parts of the school. The more perspectives, the better we can understand what families need.

What is a Council meeting actually like?

Probably more relaxed than you think! It's a small, welcoming group of parents, our principal, and teacher rep sitting together, sharing updates, ideas and questions.

It's not a big town hall, there's no pressure to speak, and you definitely don't need to know anything ahead of time. Come as you are, listen in, join the conversation if you want, and meet some other parents who care about the school too. And enjoy the free childcare!

What has fundraising supported in the past?

Last year, fundraising helped support new library books, literacy resources, STEM and robotics materials, gym and sports equipment, arts and music supplies, field trips, school events and extracurricular activities. All the details are posted on the school [website](#)!

Fundraising priorities for this school year will be discussed at the upcoming Council meeting.

How does Council decide what to fund?

Council meetings include discussion, questions and input from members before decisions are made.

When a formal decision is needed, a motion may be brought forward and Council members vote.

Having a range of parent and guardian representatives helps bring different experiences, priorities and perspectives into those conversations. You don't have to agree on everything — respectful discussion and different viewpoints are an important part of Council.

What else has Council supported with?

School Council has helped plan a number of school events over the years, including the Fall FUN-raiser, which is organized by parent volunteers.

Our Hot Lunch programs through Cristello's and International Meats are also organized and negotiated by School Council. A portion of every lunch purchased goes back to the school, making it an important part of our fundraising efforts.

Where can I find meeting minutes and updates?

We will be posting all upcoming agendas, meeting minutes, and more to the official Brookville School Council [website](#)!

Have a question, idea, feedback or want to get involved? We'd love to hear from you.
Email us anytime at BrookvilleSchoolCouncil@gmail.com

Meet Your New Council



Council Chair
Debbie Wiley

I'm a mom of three to Theo (Grade 2), Chloe (SK), and Kira (a very busy toddler)! We moved to Campbellville and Brookville School exactly one year ago and the community has been so welcoming!

During the day, I'm Director of Grocery Replenishment at Sobeys and I spend most of the school hours in non-stop meetings. Outside of work and Council, you'll usually find me throwing a big party and finding any excuse to bring people together. I'm excited to serve as Council Chair this year and help create more opportunities for families to connect, get involved and support our students.



Council Co-chair
Cheryl Luc

I'm mom to Henry, who is in Grade 1 at Brookville, and wife to my husband Daniel, who has gotten very used to me volunteering us for things! 😊 We also have Frank, our giant dog and best friend to Henry, who as a team, keeps us on our toes.

I'm Director of Sales Operations at Maple Leaf Foods, where I've worked for 21 years! When I'm not working or at school council, I love spending time with family and friends, planning get-togethers, and pretty much any excuse to celebrate! I'm excited to be joining Brookville's Parent Council as Co-Chair this year and to help make school events fun, welcoming, and something families look forward to.



Secretary
Elizabeth Anderson Dixon

Hi friends! I'm Mom to Carter (Grade 1) and Brooke (JK) at Brookville. I'm a stay-at-home-Mom who loves to bake, cook and garden. I also have a soft spot for dogs...especially our 6 year old Labrador, Piper. As a former flight attendant married to a pilot, I am always planning our next family vacation or trip to the cottage!

I'm excited to continue to serve in my role as Secretary for the second consecutive year. I have truly enjoyed being a part of the fantastic Brookville community and I look forward to an amazing year ahead. Go Bengals!



Treasurer
Diana Dovale-Spasov

I'm excited to be joining the Brookville Public School community this year as the School Council Treasurer.

I'm a proud wife and mom of two daughters—one in Grade 2 (Leia) and one in preschool (Amelia). I love spending time with my family, travelling, gardening, cooking, and being creative. We're also a busy household with two cats, a dog, and three fish! I work in the Legal Department at LiUNA! Ontario Provincial District Council and look forward to bringing my organizational skills, creativity, and enthusiasm to the School Council.

And introducing our parent representatives **Bailey Kagan, Heidi Stubbe, Rachel Greening, Reanna Ridley, Shantel Colwell, and Stephanie Boone!** Our teacher representation is **Mrs. Giles** and, of course, we have our beloved Principal, **Mr. Levante**. Please also welcome to the team and school administration, **Mr. Ahmad**.

What We've Been Up To

The Fall FUN-raiser: Thank You, Brookville!

\$9,600



raised to directly benefit our students, teachers, and school throughout the year ahead

A **HUGE thank you** to our Brookville families who joined us for last week's Open House and School Council FUN-Raiser! It was an incredible evening and a wonderful celebration of our school community.

We are so grateful to the generous **donors and sponsors** from within our school and local community, as well as the many **volunteers** whose time, energy and enthusiasm helped bring the evening together.

A special shout out to **Cheryl Luc** and **Heidi Stubbe**, who led the event subcommittee and spent many late nights bringing everything together. This evening truly would not have been possible without you.



What's for lunch?

Here's the scoop.



Our next session starts **Fri, Oct 23rd** for International Meats and **Mon, Oct 26** for Cristello's. School Cash Online will open soon!

Complete our **Hot Lunch Survey** to help shape the next session after winter break!

This year, we're hoping to make Hot Lunch even better — with **smaller portions** for younger students, more **allergy-friendly choices**, and a little **more variety**. Stay posted for updates!

We also need your help! Hot Lunch depends on **parent volunteers** who can spare about 15 minutes during the lunch hour to help receive, sort and organize meals. Even if you can only help once or twice, it helps! Sign-up and more info [here](#)

Join our community

Connect with other families.



Our parent-run **WhatsApp community** makes it easy to find your child's classroom chat, connect with other families and stay in touch throughout the year.

Once you join, check out the different chats and **update your Member Tag** in the chat so everyone knows which child you're connected to. Full details are in the Community Description.

Please note: This WhatsApp community is a parent-led initiative and is not operated, monitored or endorsed by the school or school board. Any information shared in the group should be considered informal parent-to-parent communication.

A big thank you to last year's School Council team — Chair **Shantel Colwell**, Co-chair **Rachel Greening**, Secretary **Elizabeth Anderson Dixon**, and Treasurer **Reanna Ridley** — for all of their time, energy and dedication to our school community and for continuing on in Council today. We're so grateful for everything you made happen last year!



2026-2027
Classrooms

KF-1
Mrs. Crossfield
Mrs. Bajwa

KF-2
Mrs. Dempsey
Mrs. Nespolo

Grade 1
Mrs. Giles

Grade 1/2
Mrs. Fuentes

Grade 2/3
Mrs. Wolting

Grade 3
Miss Smart

Grade 4
Mr. DeGier

Grade 4/5
Mr. Czarnecki

Grade 5
Mrs. Bradley

Grade 6
Miss Brox

Grade 6/7
Mrs. Bale

Grade 7/8
Mr. Gardiner

Grade 8
Mrs. Brown

From the Council Meeting Principal's Update ✨

Welcome, Mr Ahmad

A new face in the office... Mr. Ahmad has taken over for Mrs. Smith who has retired. I know you will all make him feel welcome!

Phones Away = Focus Today

Phones must be in lockers or backpacks and not in pockets. There is a 3 strike policy: 1st strike is a reminder, 2nd strike will be the phone in the office, 3rd strike is parent pick-up

Updated Outdoor Boundaries

Out-of-bounds area has been updated to ensure staff can safely supervise all the students

Soccer and Football At Recess

For safety reasons, organized soccer and football games will not be permitted at recess

2-Minute Warning Bell

When students hear the bell, it means game over. The bell IS the final whistle. Students must stop the game and head to their line.

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STUDENTS

Enrollment has declined at Brookville compared to 330 students last year.

13
CLASSES

One fewer class than last year, with 5 split classes and 2 kindergarten classrooms.