

BLOORVIEW SCHOOL AUTHORITY 2016/2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

It's been a busy year, and I think as a team we have accomplished a lot! Much of our work as a council has been behind-the-scenes in policy review and setting the stage for ongoing projects into the coming years, but some of our work you have been able to appreciate first-hand.

The second annual school picnic (initially sprung from the IKP yearly picnic and expanded to include the whole school) was a resounding success! The kids had a fantastic time with all of our special guests, food and bonfire, and our families really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other and have fun together. Thank you for taking the time to attend, and especially to those who helped out with organizing, set-up, clean-up and bringing delicious potluck food!

This year we all contributed towards forming a unifying identity for the people of Bloorview School Authority. We are the Bloorview Butterflies, and we are here to Dream, Learn and Grow! Thank you all for your participation in this legacy-building project, and especially to Daniel Rowles for the hours of work and creativity that went in to creating our new logo! Look forward to some flashy school merchandise for purchase in the future.

A big thank you goes out to all of our council members and parents for your involvement and input over the past year. We'd also like to acknowledge the ongoing hard work of our dedicated school staff and volunteers, who love our children and fill their days with learning and fun. I think I speak for all parents when I say how grateful and amazed we are to see our children blossoming in this one-of-a-kind environment – our kids are a shining testament to all you do!

For the 2016/2017 school-year we held open public meetings on September 28th, October 18th, November 23rd, January 18th, March 30th, May 4th and June 15th.

Next year's School Council will have an initial open meeting following the September 2017 Curriculum Night (date TBD).

We always welcome any new members or general attendees, and for alumni parents, we are looking for Community Representatives to sit on our council. Please consider staying involved in our incredible school and offering your wisdom from beyond!

Laura Ritchie

2016-2017 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSTER

Laura Ritchie	- Chair
Cherilee Garofano	- Vice-Chair
Heather Whitman	- Vice- Chair
Lucy Greco	- Secretary
Dominic Duffy	- Secretary
Awade Kyande	- Parent Member
Umakaren Navaratnam	- Parent Member
Hayat Younir	- Parent Member
Suzanne Johnson	- Parent Member
Linda Ward	- School Principal
Deanna Cape	- School Vice-Principal
Frank Endrizzi	- School Staff Member
Teresa Terzo	- School Staff Member
Linda Trimble	- School Staff Member

ABOUT COUNCIL

The Bloorview School Council is made up of parents, staff and community representatives. The positions are elected among council members and anyone is invited to put their names forward for membership or an elected position. We meet periodically throughout the school year and all meetings are open to the public.

The council is self-directed in terms of goal setting and yearly projects, as well as representing the Parent or Guardian voices in a consultation and advisory role to the Principal and the Board of Trustees.

WHAT DID THE COUNCIL DO LAST YEAR?

Financial

- Application submitted for government PRO Grant 2017/2018, for the creation of a "Parent Resource" section in the school library (in co-ordination with librarian Kate Tuff)
- Advised the Board of Trustees on the use of Reserve Funds; recommended that they will be directed towards the Playground Fund.

Facilities enhancement

- Made recommendations to the Board of Trustees on stakeholders for a Playground Committee (looking at improving the accessibility and inclusiveness of the Hospital's on-site playground)

- Conducted a “needs assessment” for the proposed playground by surveying students, families, school staff and hospital therapists. Data was analyzed and presented to the Playground Committee to guide planning.

Curriculum Enhancement

- Made recommendations to the Board of Trustees on stakeholders for an IKP Committee (to look at issues surrounding the proposed 1-year suspension of the “Integrated Kindergarten Program”, affiliated with the Jackman Institute of Child Studies)

Community Building

- Hosted and organized the 2nd annual, school-wide, potluck family picnic
- Began preliminary steps to creating a partnership with TriKids Triathlon Series and Bloorview School, for student participation in a kids’ triathlon
- Created a new School Motto and School Mascot through consultation and voting by school students, families and staff
 - o Bloorview School Mascot – the Butterfly
 - o Bloorview School Motto – Dream Learn Grow
- Created a unique School Logo by gathering inspiration from student/family/staff, presentation of original art submissions by Art Teacher, Daniel Rowles, and final council selection/refinement of the design
- Initiated the process of creating school-branded merchandise for purchase (more available September 2017 and links will be made available to alumni families. Initial order June 2017.)

Strengthening Public Education

- Reviewed the results of the “School Climate Survey 2016”
- Provided feedback to the Board of Trustees on multiple policies, including:
 - o Bullying Prevention and Intervention
 - o Scent Awareness
 - o Latex Safe Environment
 - o Code of Conduct
 - o Student Discipline
- Provided feedback to clarify the updated Student Admissions Criteria and the Parent Handbook
- Provided feedback on the parent letters introducing the new Concussion Policy and the new Kindergarten Reports (replacing traditional report cards)
- Clarified online, portal-based communication with school therapists, repaired bugs in the system, corrected parent handbook on this issue

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR
ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 – Bloorview School Authority School Council**

Cash on hand for projects at the beginning of the period (July 1, 2016)		\$00.00
Net Funds Raised	+	\$00.00
Project Expenditures	-	<u>\$00.00</u>
Project cash on hand at the end of the period (June 30, 2017)		\$00.00

Analysis 1: Net Funds Raised

ACTIVITY	EXPENDITURE	RECEIPTS	NET PROCEEDS
nil			
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Analysis 1: Project Expenditures

PROJECT	EXPENDITURE
nil	
TOTAL	\$0.00

**PRO government grant application submitted for 2017-2018 school year. If awarded, this funding would be considered as “income” for the 2017-2018 school council budget and would go to directly fund the project described in the application (creating a parent resources section in the school library).