

School Council

meeting minutes

November 23, 2016
Recorder: Dominic

Attendees: Laura Ritchie; Teresa Terzo; Deanna Cape; Dominic Duffy; Awada Kyande; Linda Ward

Absent with regrets: Suzanne Johnson; Rose Monacelli; Umakaren Navaratnam; Cherilee Garofano

Item	Description
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Approved • Meeting minutes approved • Discussion on Community Member Representative – Several candidates from Holland Bloorview Hospital staff to be identified. Possibility of shared responsibility (more than 1 rep.)
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum update – new reporting format being developed • New Pediculosis (head lice) policy discussed – New classification from Public Health as nuisance and not health issue. Subsequently Bloorview School Authority developing new procedure in line with other schools, to be communicated to parents by letter • Food in School committee formed – Focus on safety concerns that could arise from food products at School. • Connect2Care – All therapists now included in connect to care (school and hospital) • IET discussed – Key focus on integrating therapy with education • Awards ceremony – Tuesday, December 06. Parents to be informed beforehand if child is to receive award • Holiday Concert – Monday, December 21. Discussed option of having area set aside for parents to film from while their child is performing. School to Investigate
Discussion items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Motto – Voting was tied for two options. School council carried out deciding vote. Unanimous decision for “Dream, Learn, Grow” as inaugural school motto • School Mascot – To request from Daniel development of Butterfly Mascot. Ideas welcome from parents and students • Goals for school council – School staff attended “Partners in Dialog” conference and obtained good ideas relating to grass roots wellbeing, and how council can work towards ways to support families socially. A way to bring students families closer together. Discussion to continue next School Council meeting • School and Parents virtual social group discussed – How to form a closer internet based virtual community between student's families and parents with school. Several options discussed, website, facebook, e-mail distribution list, etc. To explore further next meeting
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School council meeting to be scheduled on a 2-month rolling schedule • Playground Committee to meet Monday, 28 November – Survey finding to be released
<p>Next Meeting Date: Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 5:30pm in 2W625</p>	