

School Council meeting minutes

February 22, 2016

Prepared By Linda

Attendees: Zak Goldman, Ellen Kalis (via teleconference), Awadhi Kyande and Laura Ritchie
Heather Fairley, Linda Trimble
Sonja Litner and Linda Ward

Absent: Lucy Greco, Kristen Huys, Michelle Goldman

	Item	Description
1	Chair's Report	<p>Zak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -updated the Council on the upcoming Bloorview School Authority Trustee interviews which will take place Friday February 26th. -shared information regarding his meeting with the CEO of HBKRH, Julia Hanigsberg. -provided information regarding Ministry of Education contact. Zak has been told that Mike Wallace, Education Officer Toronto and Area Region Office, will be attending our future Board meetings. -reviewed the outcome of meetings Kristin has had regarding the Sensory Dance. Due to safety concerns the dance can not take place.
2	Principal's Report	<p>Linda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -shared information regarding the upcoming Grade 1 reunion. (A new date will be determined) -highlighted the Transition and Intake meetings that are taking place for IET students. -extended invitation to review policies (Zak – Excursions) <p>CODE, Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math kits were distributed.</p> <p>Playground committee formed (Laura).</p>
4	Discussion re: Parent Engagement	<p>Zak shared desire to involve parents and children in an activity. Linda shared information regarding a Family Math Activity staff would like to organize. Will take place during a morning. Ellen suggested that Bingo nights draw a number of families. Discussion followed regarding fun fairs and other activities. Zak will send out a survey offering three choices: Bowling, Fun Fair or Bingo Night. We will invite the 2016-17 new IET families to this family event. Funds are available through the PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant to support these activities.</p>
5	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discussion regarding upcoming P.A. Day (April 15th) and the School Year Calendar for 2016-17. -The School is requested to provide additional notice for parents regarding special events and parent meetings. -Concerns regarding drivers passing school buses. (Linda will follow up with Transportation department to ensure all our buses are properly marked) -Suggestion that the School have a mascot, students could vote. This would further school spirit.

		Next Meeting Date: TBD
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