

SCHOOL COUNCIL

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE 2016 - 2017 COUNCIL!

School councils play an increasingly important role in Ontario's education system. The purpose of a school council is, through active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with Ministry Regulations and Board Policy to the principal.

We welcome new parents; this a great way to get involved in the Bloorview School Authority community!

Last year our School Council worked on a number of initiatives that included Family Math Day, the school picnic, and our selecting a school mascot!

MEMBERS:

School council members include elected parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school, teaching and non-teaching staff representatives, community representative, the Principal and Vice Principal. Student representatives may be appointed. All members are equal partners, with parents forming the majority. The chair is a parent elected by the full council. The term of office for all school council positions is one year.

NOMINATIONS and ELECTION:

Nomination forms shall be filed by all parent-candidates for elected positions on the school council. Parents may nominate themselves or other parents. Our council can have a maximum of 11 parent members. Candidates should be prepared to summarize their reasons for running for the school council. If you are interested in joining the school council, or if you would like to nominate another parent, please return the attached nomination form by Monday September 26th. If more than eleven nominations are received then an election will be held. School council elections must be held within the

first 30 days of school. If an election is required I will provide further information regarding the candidates and procedures. The election, if necessary, will be held on September 30th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Meetings are held a minimum of four times per year and are open to the public. Minutes are kept and all financial transactions are recorded.

MANDATE OF THE COUNCIL:

School council members are asked to objectively represent and communicate the views of the community, maintaining a school-wide perspective on all issues. The council's mandate is to provide advice to the principal and where relevant, the Director and the trustees of the Board, on a number of areas including:

- fund raising policies
- school program goals and priorities
- school code of conduct and dress code - school budget priorities
- review of the school's safe-arrival policy and implementation
- development, implementation, and review of Board policies

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For additional information regarding school councils please visit the Ministry of Education website at www.edu.gov.on.ca

THANK YOU:

I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to the parents who were members of our school council last year;

Awadhi Kyande, Ellen Kalis, Kristin Huys, Lucy Greco, Laura Ritchie, Michelle Goldman and Zak Goldman



School Council Parent Candidate Nomination Form

I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business: _____

Email: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.

_____ is the parent/guardian of _____,

(name of person nominated)

(name of student)

Who is currently registered in this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board

yes no

Please include a brief biography of the candidate you have nominated below.

Nominator's signature

Date

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Please return this form by September 26th, 2016



School Council Parent Self-Nomination Form

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

Email: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered
(name of student)

I am an employee of the board

yes no

Candidate's signature

Date

Please include a brief autobiography below.

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Please return this form by September 26th, 2016