

School Council

meeting minutes

December 7, 2017
Prepared By Linda Ward

Attendees: Rachel Beatty, Cherilee Garafano (via teleconference), Martha Lai, Umakaran Navaratnam, Heather Fairley, Linda Trimble, Nishany – student rep
Alise Sanborn and Linda Ward

Regrets: Laura Ritchie, Hayat Younir

	Item	Description
1	Welcome, Introductions and review of minutes	October minutes approved
2	Chair's Report	Reviewed school t-shirts and their popularity.
3	Principal Report	<p>Feedback regarding parent teacher/therapist conferences – overall positive felt it allowed for more focused discussions. However, scheduling should be reviewed to allow time between appointments.</p> <p>Admissions for IET 2018: This year we are requesting families include a short video clip as part of the admission application.</p> <p>Feedback from Council: Not all parents were aware that videos could be sent. Felt requesting a video would enhance the admission process.</p>
4	Discussion items:	Alise shared the Strategic Plan - Overview of vision, mission, values. Strategic Direction providing a safe, healthy learning environment. Preparing students for the future and transitions. How we can empower our students through the curriculum and engage parents.
5	Playground Committee update	The Bloorview School Board and the Hospital are working together on developing an understanding of the shared vision for the playground. In the Spring the Board will have further information.
6	Renewal of Committees	<p>Playground – TDB in the Spring when the committee reconvenes</p> <p>IKP – Rachel (first meeting directly follows this meeting)</p> <p>Policy – everyone on Council will be part of the Policy Committee</p>
7	T-Shirts	We will try to have a group order. T-shirts can be displayed at school events
8	Winter/Spring Event	School Council would like to host a family event, similar to the picnic, so that families can come together. A number of the staff have participated in training for an inclusive baseball program and are willing to organize an evening event in February. Linda will follow up with the school staff.
9	Next Meeting	January 18 th 5:30p.m.