

# School Council meeting minutes

October 27, 2015

Prepared By Linda

Attendees: Lucy Greco, Michelle Goldman, Zak Goldman, Ellen Kalis, Laura Ritchie (parent reps)  
Heather Fairley (staff rep)  
Sonja Litner and Linda Ward

Absent: Kristen Huys

	Item	Description
1	Welcome	Linda welcomed all members
	Approval of Agenda and Review of Minutes	
2	Election of Chair/Vice-Chair	- Zak (Chair) -Ellen (Secretary)
3	Principal's Report	- The Bloorview teachers have been focused on writing Individual Education Plans for all of their students. IEP writing is a collaborative process. Input is gathered from parents, therapists and school staff. The purpose of the IEP is to identify curriculum expectations and to specify accommodations and modifications needed. The goal of the IEP is to highlight a student's strengths and to note the services required to meet the student's needs. A transition plan is also included.
4	Discussion Items	-Priorities and goals for the School Council: Sharing common experiences, Parent engagement and opportunities to meet with other parents so parents do not feel alone. Develop networks and provide re-assurance to each other.  -Parent Engagement – Council has received a PRO \$1,000.00 grant to promote parent engagement with a guest speaker. Ideas included a speaker series. Take 30 minutes for presentation, then time for Q & A, followed by time to mingle. Suggested topics; How to raise a confident child with special needs, Coping mechanisms for parents – how to help your child.  -Year end activity presented by Zak on behalf of Kristen. Council support idea and Lucy will work with Kristen to bring forward this activity. (Will meet during the day time). Idea of a sensory dance for the students.  -Sharing of contact information: Zak will give his email to Board and act as the liaison between the Board and Council.  -It was confirmed early evening meetings were best.
5		Next meetings: November, then Jan/Feb., April and May.