

Bloorview School Authority

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

The Bloorview School Council had a very successful year. The Council welcomed new members and was involved in a number of projects. Throughout the year the School Council extended the invitation to parents and community members to become involved in council meetings or other school activities.

The 2015-2016 School Council Members were:

Chair: Zak Goldman, Secretary: Ellen Kalis, Parent Reps: Michelle Goldman, Lucy Greco, Kristen Huys, Awadhi Kyande and Laura Ritchie
Non-Teaching Rep: Linda Trimble, Teaching Rep: Heather Fairley
Vice Principal: Sonja Litner, Principal: Linda Ward

The Meeting Dates for the School Council were:

September 30th 2015, October 27th 2015, November 24th 2015, February 22nd 2016, May 16th and June 13th 2016. Subcommittees met in January through May to plan for special events (school picnic).

Highlights from 2015-2016

The School Council collaborated with a team from the school to plan the Family Math Event which took place in May. The Family Math Day offered parents and guardians the opportunity to experience a variety of hands-on math activities with their children in a cooperative and fun environment. Parents/guardians saw how math can be practiced in an engaging way and learned how they can support numeracy learning at home. Each family was given a Math Day bag that included interactive games that were appropriate for all learning styles and math manipulatives (playing cards, dice etc). The Parents Reaching Out grant was used to support the Family Math Event.

Zak Goldman represented parents in the process of selecting new trustees for the Bloorview School Authority Board. As well, the Council reviewed and provided feedback regarding a number of Board policies (for example Excursions, Anaphylaxis, and Human Rights).

The School Council participated in the organization of a successful School Picnic. The picnic fulfilled the Council's goal of providing opportunities for families to get together, share experiences and to feel supported.

Financial Statement for 2015-2016:

See attached information regarding the Parents Reaching Out Grant. The application for the grant was made in May 2015 and funds were approved in September 2015.

