

School Council

meeting minutes

March 22, 2018
Prepared By: A. Sanborn

Attendees:

Cherilee Garafano (by phone), Umakaran Navaratnam, Hayat Younir (by phone), Martha Lai, Heather Fairley, Linda Ward, Alise Sanborn, Jadine (student rep)

Regrets: Rachel Beatty, Laura Ritchie, Linda Trimble

	Item	Description
1	Welcome and review of minutes	Agenda approved. January Minutes reviewed and approved.
2	Co- Chair's Report	On behalf of the council, sincere thanks was extended to the school staff who organized and participated in the Family Evening Challenger Baseball Event that took place on Wednesday, February 21 st . The School Council felt the event was a great success and truly appreciated the extra effort of the staff to provide this opportunity for families. No other items at this time.
3	Principal's Report	<p>Water testing -Information regarding the Ontario regulation: Safe Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Centres was shared (re: concentration of lead in the water). Testing at Bloorview School was completed and results are not in exceedance of limits set for schools.</p> <p>Policy Review – most policies are reviewed on a 3-year cycle with some reviewed every year. <i>Policy PCE.004 Expressions of Concern</i>, which was reviewed by the Trustees, was also reviewed by the School Council using the Policy Consultation Form. Section 5a) requires revisions/clarification.</p> <p>Parents Reaching Out Grant – was approved in Nov. 2017 from the application which was submitted last year. The focus was on Math with the idea that parents can inspire their children to learn and love Math. The school has been purchasing Math-focused books to build the Parent Resource Library. The purpose of the resource library is to involve parents in the school community and in their children's education by inviting parents to use literature to support Mathematical concepts. Once the set-up of the collection is complete, the information will be shared on the school website and a PDF summary of books will be available. Parents will be able to email our teacher-librarian, Kate Tuff, to sign out books, and the books will then be sent home with the children. This year, the School Council can once again apply for the grant. The focus may be on Equity and Inclusive Education which would be aligned with the Ministry's Equity Action Plan and Well-Being Strategy. Other ideas for the focus of the grant are welcome. The council has agreed to apply again. The deadline is June 5th to apply for next year.</p> <p>Parent Involvement Symposium – Provincial event to support parents. The symposium will be held on April 20-21 in Toronto. 1-2 representatives from the School Council may attend. Martha Lai and Uma Navaratnam are hoping to attend.</p> <p>School Climate Survey – The Ministry mandates this every 2 years. A sample of survey questions were given out to the council in order to provide feedback regarding whether the questions will provide a good sense of how families are feeling about the school. The members will review the survey questions and email their feedback to the principal. Survey Monkey was used last time and we will consider using google forms this time. The feedback will be shared at the next council meeting.</p> <p>The proposed 2018-2019 School Year Calendar for Bloorview School was shared. The P.A. Days are matched with the TDSB dates and align with Ministry of Education expectations. The next step is for our Board to approve the calendar and then it will be forwarded to the Ministry.</p>

4	Review of February Family Evening Event	The Family Evening Challenger Baseball Event was very successful. Activities were adapted to make them work for our students. Students, their families and staff all had an active, fun-filled evening.
5	Planning for Family Picnic	<p>The council selected a date for the event - Thursday, June 21 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. The event will be held on the grounds behind the hospital. The school will book the cafeteria in case the weather is poor. A potluck, and perhaps pizza as a supplement, was discussed. Ingredients can be listed in front of each dish. Reminders about food allergens will be included in the information going home.</p> <p>Tasks to do: Heather F. will contact the police department, fire department and a "Paw Patrol" representative for possible special guests. Linda W. will work on the letter for the potluck and reserve the cafeteria space Set-up crew will be needed. Setting up of extra tables outside, if needed.</p>
6	School Council Annual Report	To be written by the council yearly. Ministry guide shared for the report.
7	Dream, Learn, Grow School logo T-shirts	<p>T-shirts were pre-purchased by the school in order to sell them at the Family Evening Event in Feb. Unfortunately, the colour of the screen printing for the logo was incorrect, and so the t-shirts were not for sale. The school negotiated with the UR-Store to purchase the shirts at a reduced cost (\$5 each) and will use the shirts for the intramurals during DPA. The IET students will be able to keep the t-shirts that they wore for the intramurals.</p> <p>Linda and Cherilee will look into a local company for future orders.</p>
8	Committee Updates	<p>IKP Committee has not met recently and no students have enrolled.</p> <p>Playground Committee –discussions are ongoing between the hospital and the Board; a Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared but has not been signed as yet.</p>
9	Next Meeting	Thursday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m.