



Bloorview School Authority 2017-2018 School Council Annual Report

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a fantastic summer.

Continuing the work done by the previous year's council, this year we found out that our application for the Parents Reaching Out Grant had been accepted! The school received funding to create a "Parent's Resource" centre to support and involve parents in their children's math education. Math-focused books were purchased for the resource library and are now available to be signed out by parents. Many thanks to our teacher-librarian, Kate Tuff, for all of her hard work in setting up this collection!

After the success of the annual family picnic, this year the council decided to host two family events! The Family Evening Challenger Baseball event was held in February and was a big hit! Students, families and staff had pizza and then participated in adapted activities in the gym, making for an active, fun-filled evening. Thank you to everyone who attended -- especially to the staff, who put in extra time and effort to make the evening into such a success.

We had intended to make Bloorview T-shirts available for purchase at the February event; unfortunately, there was a mix-up with the printer and we were unable to do so. The council has started looking for a local company to provide T-shirts for us, and we're looking forward to (hopefully!) making shirts available for purchase later on this year.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our council members and parents for their involvement this year, and to particularly single out the efforts of the amazing school staff and volunteers -- those on and off the council. Their dedication and commitment to the kids and to the school is unsurpassed.

As always, the council welcomes any new members or general attendees. This year we were lucky enough to have a student representative join us at several meetings as well. If you're interested in getting involved, please do not hesitate to reach out or attend a meeting -- we look forward to seeing you there!

Cherilee Garofano and Martha Lai
Co-Chairs

2017-2018 School Council:

Cherilee Garofano	Co-Chair
Martha Lai	Co-Chair
Rachel Beatty	Parent member
Umakaran Navaratnam	Parent member
Laura Ritchie	Parent member
Hayat Younir	Parent member
Nishay	Student representative
Jadine	Student representative
Heather Fairley	School staff member
Alise Sanborn	School staff member
Linda Trimble	School staff member
Linda Ward	School staff member

School Council activities this year:

Parents Reaching Out Grant

The application that was completed by last year's School Council was approved in November, 2017. Since then, a parent's resource centre for math education has been set up by the school's teacher-librarian, Kate Tuff, and made available for parents.

This year, the Council has again applied for a PRO grant, with a focus on Equity and Inclusive Education.

Playground Committee

Planning for a new playground continues. The Playground Committee made a video presentation to the Board of Trustees in late 2017, and the Board and the hospital are currently in negotiations over the next steps of the plan.

IKP

A parent member, Rachel Beatty, participated in the IKP Committee on behalf of the council.

Bi-annual School Climate Survey

A school climate survey was held in the spring of 2018, and the results were reviewed in our meeting of May 24, 2018. The council also provided feedback on different methods of providing the survey to both students and parents in order to maximize the number of responses.

Policies

The council reviewed the following policies this year:

- Expressions of Concern
- Access to Students in School
- Donations

Changes to parent-teacher-therapist conferences for the IET program

The council provided feedback on the format of the parents-teacher/therapist conferences this year. The overall response to the format was very positive.

Community events

The council helped school staff to organize two events this year: the Family Evening Challenger Baseball event (February) and the annual family picnic (June).

Sources and Uses of Operating Funds for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Cash on hand for projects at the beginning of the period (July 1, 2017):	\$0.00
Net Funds raised:	
Parents Reaching Out grant	\$1,000.00
Project Expenditures:	\$961.66
Project cash on hand at the end of the period (June 30, 2018):	\$38.34