

Bloorview School Council

Wednesday, November 10 7PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82182633323>

Attending: Jamie (co-chair), Trinela (co-chair), Aimee Jessop, Naser, Trish, Amy, Kent, Barbra, Shira Wolch, Samantha Budd, Samah Darwish, Trish, Jennifer, Beverly, Bill Melven (Community Representative/Volunteer), Heather (IET teacher), Rose (BSA Physical Education teacher), Sarah and Robin.

Regrets: Dani

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Item	Description / Notes
Welcome	Introductions
Review of Minutes	Review of October's Minutes
Principal Report	<p>Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- COVID updates - vaccines, take home kits. 100% BSA staff are fully vaccinated. Volunteers back on-site are also fully vaccinated. Some placement candidates are also back on-site (teacher candidates, ECS students). Sarah provided updates on COVID testing and school kits. Testing during the school day on-site is no longer available. No positive BSA student cases Sept/Oct/Nov.- Remembrance Day tomorrow. Pre-recorded link for the assembly will be shared with families by 10 am tomorrow.- Reporting and Parent/Educator Interviews. This coming Tuesday: Communication of Learning reports and Elementary Report Cards (Gr 1) will be sent home with students. Parent Teacher Interviews next Thursday evening and Friday morning. <p>Robin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BSA Psychologist Update (Welcome back Dr. Mandy Fulton)- Admissions Process for Sept 2022 on website- Indigenous Education Update (Elder Dr. Robert Phillips visits BSA)- Character Awards Assembly (Tues Dec 7 at 1:30pm)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virtual Winter Concert
<p>Open Discussion/ Brainstorming</p>	<p>Jamie- ideas for initiatives we want to focus on for the year.</p> <p>Trinela -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gave overview of the efforts from Council last year. - Parent Directory: some positive feedback on this initiative. - This year's goal: fostering connections among the parents at the school. <p>Jamie -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jamie shared that his child's classroom parents have formed a Whatsapp group for connecting. It has been positive and helpful. - Jamie provided some feedback he received from families with children using communication devices.
<p>Clara Ho and Family Advisory Committee (HBKRH) short presentation and Q&A</p>	<p>Clara Ho</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided an overview of the presentation. Shared the following link: <p>Link to our workshops and events: https://hollandbloorview.ca/services/family-workshops-resources/family-workshops</p> <p>Gunjan Seth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAC vice-chair. Parent of a client who is an outpatient of HBKRH. - Gunjan asked: What brings you to be involved with the BSA Parent Council? Feedback was provided from numerous parents on the Council. Our community member Bill Melven shared his motivation for volunteering and participating on council. <p>Adrienne Zarem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past chair of the FAC. Led a presentation overview of the FAC. Described some benefits of virtual meetings (to reach a more diverse group of parents and caregivers). - Described the goals of the committee. Suggested a Cross-committee member representation between their committee and BSA School Council. <p>Jean Hammond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduced herself as a parent of a former student at BSA. Shared some potential opportunities for BSA families: workshops and events at HBKRH Client and Integrated Family Care, paperwork parties etc. - Described the benefits of being on this committee (connecting with families). - Described a monthly Family Newsletter that outlines supports families might be interested in. - Family Resource Centre:

	<p>https://hollandbloorview.ca/services/family-workshops-resources/family-resource-centre Parents can sign up to join the mailing list at the end of the message.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online Family Resources Directory, including our COVID-19 tip sheets: https://hollandbloorview.ca/services/family-workshops-resources/family-resource-centre/online-family-resources-centre <p>Direct link to our workshop brochure: https://hollandbloorview.ca/sites/default/files/2021-10/PRINTED%20October%202021-February%202022%20Calendar%20of%20Workshops%20and%20Events.pdf</p> <p>Sarah Nauman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared the impetus for initiating this partnership with the FAC. Recognizing that BSA parents could benefit from being part of this bigger family of this HBKRH network. <p>IET Teacher Heather Methven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduced the role of BSA's Parent Engagement Committee
Closing Message	<p>From Trinela and Jamie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members are welcome to reach out directly to the co-chairs with additional questions or comments.
Other	<p>Next meeting: Wednesday, December 8 10AM</p>