

School Council

meeting minutes

January 22, 2019
Prepared By: Robin White

Attendees: Martha Lai, Iana Ivanora, Jolane Folts, Community Representative Bill Melvin, Linda Ward and Robin White.

Regrets: Umakaran Navaratnam, Narges Karbasi, Linda Trimble.

	Item	Description
1	Welcome	Introductions, approval of the agenda and review of November 20th minutes. Minutes were approved and will be posted on the School's website.
2	Chair's Report	Nil report.
3	Principal's Report	<p>Linda W. Reviewed:</p> <p>Upcoming dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tan's Moon's Project in the Library. Felt project with an artist. • Forest of Reading Project. • Six Open House Sessions Over 2 days: well received and attended. • Deadline coming up for New IET Admissions. Linda gave overview of this year's Admissions process and the referral process. • Feb 11 Reports go home. Followed by Feb 13th reporting evening and February 15th • IET Transitions Meetings are beginning. • Friday, Jan 25 – Bloorview School Spirit Day: Superhero Day • Next Awards Assembly: March 6, 2019. A parent/volunteer tea is planned for beforehand. • Feb 11-14 National Ballet Workshops. School Dance performance March 22.
4	Capes for Kids Presentation	<p>Alison on behalf of Erin Jonhston.</p> <p>Capes for Kids – Family portfolio, sponsored by Lego. Campaign this year: March 4 to 10. Sign up is online to register a family or child. Invite families and friends to donate. This is an accessible fundraiser that everyone can get involved in. Gives an opportunity for families to spread the word about HBKRH.</p> <p>Alison explained that Bloorview School is always welcome to set up a team. Capes can be "earned" by raising certain amounts of money.</p> <p>Previously raised: over \$2 000 000.</p> <p>Closer to February: a backpack "drop" will happen (materials will be sent home to parents).</p>
5	Parents Reaching Out Grant	<p>Discussed possible activities/events for the School Council for this school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloorview School successfully received this \$1000 grant for this school year. • Last year's application focused on: Equity and Inclusion • Linda presented some items/toys Kate (Librarian) will purchase for the school. \$800 for books for the parent library. \$200 for associated toys. • July 15th: summary spending report due. • Those in attendance made a request for additional books for parents on how to speak to their own children about disabilities. Linda mentioned the possibility of inviting our school psychometrist Mandy Fulton to speak to Council about this topic. • We are unsure if the grant will be available for the next school year.
6	Feedback/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception before Awards Assembly: well received by those who attended. Suggestions for

	follow up from November Initiatives	<p>next time: guests will be invited to RSVP beforehand. It would also be advised for the school to communicate to families and volunteers about our limited parking. Another one planned for before the March 6 Awards Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on School Council goals: Family Evening update. Wed Feb 27. Theme: Challenger Baseball. Grades K-4. 5:45-7:45 pm. (Additional details below.) • Parent communication update: a sample classroom letter was shared with council (the letter is meant to offer an opportunity for parents/families to exchange contact information with each other for social purposes).
7	Planning for February Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Evening update. Wed Feb 27. Theme: Challenger Baseball. Grades K-4. 5:45-7:45 pm. Linda proposed the option of offering child care for families who prefer this. Those in attendance like the idea of offering this to families. Linda will explore the possibility of accessing various pamphlets and information about accessible summer camps, adaptive equipment to have available to give to families during this event.
8	Website update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda provided an update on website developments. Mid-March is the target date for the new school website to be up and running. Linda requested some feedback on searchable terms, taken from the "Table of Contents" from the Parent Handbook.
9	Dates for future meetings and special events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next School Council Meeting: March 19, 2019. • Following School Council Meeting: May 7, 2019.