Bloor Collegiate Institute Parent and Community Council Meeting

Minutes for Monday, June 11, 2017, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Attendees: Catherine Ford (co-chair), Naoki Yoshiwawa, Cindy Luo, Shashanka Chakraborty, Rahul Saha, Auro Viswabandya, Yaping Jin, Muhammad Nisar (co-chair), Rachel Taylor, Ellen Hou, Michelle Hamilton-Sucklal, Margie Peskin, Mark Feldman, Karen Kane (co-secretary), Suping Chang, Hao Li, Collen Burke, Suwen Deng, Adrienne Tsoulee, Beth Stockton, J. Carter, Chung Nguyen, Tony Huynh, Jon Spencer, Julie Chan, Munim Ghaffar, Geoffrey Ge, David Adam, David Hong's mother, Blanca Perez-Marin, Susana Arnott (Principal), Nora Rivaud (teacher rep), Luis Filipe (teacher) Danielle Buchner (teacher/librarian), Leela Acharya (guidance), Oscar Stam (guidance)

1	Introductions & Welcome
	 May 14, 2018 meeting minutes accepted Agenda changed to include library presentation
2	Library Presentation
	 Danielle Buchner gave a presentation on changes to the library. Parents are encouraged to visit.
3	Post-Secondary 101:
	 A presentation was given by Leela Acharya, the Assistant Curriculum Leader for Guidance/Careers. This presentation was similar to the one given at the November 2017 parent council meeting (see November 29, 2017 meeting notes, found here: <u>http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bloorci/Parent-Community-School-Council</u>). Parents of students in grade 11 (who will be going into grade 12 in September 2018) are encouraged to sign up for Edmodo, as this is the primary vehicle Ms. Acharya uses to communicate with the grade 12 students on all postsecondary issues, including applications, scholarships and any other important issue. Parents can email Ms. Acharya for information on how to access Edmodo and to get the latest password. On November 1, 2018, Bloor CI will have an evening session of its annual university fair, specifically so parents can attend. Grade 12 parents in particular will be encouraged to attend.
4	 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants: Funds from the 2017-18 PRO grant will be used to put deposits on mental health speakers for the 2018-19 year. As well, any remaining funds will be used to purchase books for the parent council library. Work continues on a resource to assist parents in helping their children with the postsecondary process. An application for the 2018-19 PRO grant has been made: the themes for the grant are post-secondary access & mental health.
5	 Co-chair's Report: Grade 8 welcome: The new banner was available at the meeting for viewing. Parents were also shown the new glossy pamphlets used at the Grade 8 event Many new parents completed the survey during the event. Parent email addresses were collected both electronically with the help of a student, and on paper as there wasn't sufficient time to do it all electronically

	 The teacher appreciation potluck was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the parents who donated dishes. For anyone interested, there is a meeting at the school on Tuesday, June 12 about the Bloor lands development. A tentative calendar for the 2018-19 year was shared with parent council. The first meeting is scheduled for September 17.
6	Principal's Report
	The school is currently has 855 students enrolled for the 2018-19 year.
7	Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Next meeting: Monday, September 17, 2018, 6:30-8:30 PM, Library