



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting
June 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Room 5E100

<u>Trustees:</u>	Rachee Allen, Terry Coulthard, Rick Volpe, Marvin Zuker, Barry Pervin
<u>Staff:</u>	Michael O'Keefe, Director; Linda Ward, Principal; Sonja Litner, Vice Principal; Terry Jakobsmeier
<u>Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital:</u>	Julia Hanigsberg, CEO Lynda Torneck
<u>Guests:</u>	Heather Fairley, Teacher; Linda Trimble, Educational Assistant; Mona Lee, Betty Chan
<u>Regrets:</u>	Kevin Collins
<u>Recorder:</u>	Danielle Kennedy
<u>Presiding:</u>	Rachee Allen, Chair

PRESENTATION

1. L. Ward welcomed Mona Lee and Betty Chan, Occupational Therapists who provided an overview of the Occupational Therapy program that supports IET students at BSA. The focus of the presentation was the Assistive Technology incorporated into the IET program. The four components of the program were reviewed - Assessment, Student Skill Development, Support for Teachers, and Transitioning Students to the Home School (providing recommendations and considerations for Ministry SEA claims). Considerations and challenges for each component of the program were reviewed.
2. Chair R. Allen introduced new trustees Barry Pervin and Dr. Julia Alleyne. B. Pervin has a background in the Ministry of Education. Dr. Alleyne has a medical background and is actively involved in para-olympics, physiotherapy and sports. As of May 31, 2016 Bloorview is at a full complement of trustees.
3. L. Ward, Principal presented the Special Education Plan to the Board. The Special Education plan is submitted to the Ministry every year and is posted on the BSA website. It has been updated. There have been a number of changes reflecting new regulations, for example: transitioning students, IEPs, as well as other key things BSA is working on. Next steps include submitting it to the Ministry, as well as posting it on the website. There is continued work to do on the referral process for new IET students.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

The Chair advised the Board that the format of the meetings will be moving to a consensus agenda. The Chair will ask if there is consensus for an item. If everyone gives consent, the item is approved and there are no movers/seconders necessary. If consent is not given, movers/seconders are required and a vote is taken.

The Chair requested to add Item 2.3 to the Agenda, Declaration and oath of allegiance by new trustee Barry Pervin.

Director O'Keefe stated that all new trustees are to make a declaration and swear to a Trustee Oath of Allegiance in accordance with section 209 the Education Act. M. O'Keefe reviewed and explained the document to the Board.

– Consensus –

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

2.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Public Meeting of June 7, 2016.

THAT the agenda for the Public Meeting of June 7, 2016 be approved as presented with changes.

– Consensus –

2.2 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of May 9, 2016.

THAT the minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting held on May 9, 2016, be approved as presented.

– Consensus –

2.3 Trustee Oath of Allegiance

New Trustee B. Pervin made the required declaration and oath of allegiance and signed the required forms which were then witnessed by M. O'Keefe as secretary of the board.

– Consensus –

3. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. HOLLAND BLOORVIEW UPDATE (J. Hanigsberg)

Julia reported on the following:

- New legislation “Patients First” introduced recently- from the OHA perspective there is a wide range of power given to LHINs. From a hospital perspective it brings some concerns about the Board’s autonomy. The document is still in the consultation phase and this is a long process
- Inpatient census - the numbers are still elevated which impacts the resource program at the school and high numbers in inpatient admissions, which are expected to continue. Holland Bloorview staff are managing and looking at a mix of inpatient beds involving younger children
- There have been no additional roof leaks, considering two different surfaces and 2 different solutions for the Flat Roof

- Brain Injury Awareness Month – two stories on pediatric stroke have been featured on Canada AM demonstrating impact on families and a great display between the hospital and school. If interested, request the link from J. Hanigsberg.

6. REPORTS

6.1 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (L. Ward)

L. Ward reported on the following:

- BSA continues to welcome visitors from other school boards. In particular teachers taking Additional Qualification courses in Special Education have visited our classrooms and met with our staff. This first-hand learning experience broadens the understanding of our programs and the ways in which students can be supported in the classroom.
- Family Math Day was a huge success. Children and their families explored a variety of math concepts using hands-on materials and easy to make math games. Family Math Day offered parents and guardians the opportunity to experience a variety of hands-on math activities with their family in a cooperative and fun environment. Parents were able to see how math can be practiced in an engaging way and how numeracy can be supported at home.
- BSA's Teacher Librarian worked on a number of special projects with our students. For example a media literacy initiative called "Humans of Bloorview". Based on the popular blog, "Humans of New York", students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 were photographed and asked to answer a specific question or tell something about themselves. The display "Humans of Bloorview" draws lots of attention and is a wonderful way to get to know more about the humans at Bloorview School.
- A number of 'Lunch and Learns' have taken place during the last month.
 - *Math*: our new Math resource "Leaps and Bounds" was highlighted. This tool helps with diagnostic assessment and provides an individualized early intervention approach based on developmental learning in math.
 - *Technology*: Promethean board teaching strategies were shared. Teachers modelled best practices and new 'tips and trick' learning.
 - *Rick Hansen School Program*: A representative spoke to a large group of teachers and shared how the program can be used in schools to support inclusion and equity.
- IET - registration and Welcome to Kindergarten was a success. The new format for this process gave parents the opportunity to meet individually with staff and ask questions.
- IKP – open house was held. The numbers in the ICS class will remain the same as no new registrations have come forward.
- Playground committee update– the playground inspection will take place on June 8, 2016 and then there will be a follow up meeting with Hospital Staff.
- Shelley Neal, former teacher, has won a Certificate of Achievement, Prime Minister Award. She is the second recipient from BSA and will be recognized at next school awards day. Trustees were asked to please let L. Ward know if they are interested in attending on June 15th.
- Next School Council meeting is June 16th. The Family Picnic will take place on June 8th. Response to the motto/mascot quest has been positive. A committee will be reviewing all of the submissions.
- Graduation is coming up. The Principal's Award will not be included. All children have worked hard on their goals and every child will receive a certificate to recognize their graduation.
- School climate surveys have been included in this package, which included grade 1 students as well. The last school climate survey was completed in 2011.
- Secondments are being filled. They will be wonderful additions to our staff. Recommendations, offers, and final approval from TDSB. Have yet to be attained in some cases.

- Upcoming - Fun Fair – para-olympic theme
- Summer School – for next year consideration is being given to the “Get up and Go” program. The students are working in consultation with HBKRH as the program develops. Initially summer school was just for BIRT students. Summer school may be structured differently to accommodate the G.U.A.G. students.

A concern was raised regarding the future potential of the IKP Program closing down. The Program has a great deal to offer students, great deal of value for the program. A discussion ensued regarding different models and funding for this particular class.

6.2 DIRECTOR’S REPORT (M. O’Keefe)

M. O’Keefe reported on the following:

- Spending revisions for the 2015/ year have received verbal approval
- M. Zuker, R. Volpe, L. Ward and M. O’Keefe will be attending the Section 68 Annual General Meeting
- As a follow up to CUPE ratification, meetings will be held with CUPE to talk about Pay Equity and Violence in the Workplace
- The next policy committee meeting date is scheduled for June 16, 2016
- Ministry PPM159 Collaborative Professionalism - this was released after the last round of negotiations. It describes Ministry’s expectations around collaborations for both the Ministry and Schools.
- H. Margach was featured on CTV Canada AM segment

7. ACTION/INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 OPSBA AGM – R. Allen

R. Allen included in this package information regarding OPSBA AGM on Friday June 10, 2016. All members welcome to attend and any trustee is eligible for nomination. R. Volpe and M. Zuker are attending Section 68 Conference and will provide an update after the meeting . If you want to attend or put forward a nomination, see R. Allen. Next year, BSA will host Section 68 Conference.

7.2 Strategic Plan Update – R. Allen

The first Town Hall Meeting was held on May 16th. The meeting was well attended and collaborative. The Board would like to continue to speak to others for their input. The next Town Hall meeting is June 22, 2016 - M. Zuker and R. Volpe to host. Once both sessions have been completed the Board will share the results.

7.3 School Climate Survey – L. Ward

L. Ward reviewed draft surveys. Surveys have not gone out yet.

A request was made to include a piece on bussing and safety on the bus.

Parent knowledge and awareness – there is a need for parents to be made aware of their access to the policies that affect student safety –ie. code of conduct, discipline.

8. FINANCE (M. O’Keefe on behalf of K. Collins)

8.1 Ministry’s response to proposed spending changes 2015/16

M. O’Keefe reported on the budget adjustments that the Ministry of Education approved for the 2015-2016 School year. The ministry has agreed that underexpenditures in various salary categories will be used to offset these adjustments. There is no increase in the overall spending.

8.2 Draft Budget 2016/17

A briefing page was presented as an overview of what changes can be expected in the 2016-2017 Budget.

The major new items of note are: 1% + 0.5% (6 months) approved salary increase for all staff, rent increase request at 4.5% (still to be negotiated); requests to increase the summer school program, aquatics program and an additional Lunchroom Supervisor. Other adjustments were achieved through realignment of budget funds.

9. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

L. Torneck requested to be included on the invitation list if there is an Orientation for new trustees.

10. ITEMS OF INTEREST

There were no items to report.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

12. NEXT MEETINGS

July 5, 2016, time to be determined

13. IN CAMERA

MOTION: Coulthard/Volpe

THAT the Board move to the In Camera Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

– Consensus–

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Coulthard/Volpe

THAT the Public Meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

– Consensus –