



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting
Nov 30, 2022 7:30 PM

<u>Trustees:</u>	Kevin Collins, Arnie Hochman, Helen Huang, Barry Pervin, Nicole Thomson
<u>Staff:</u>	Michael O’Keefe, Supervisory Officer; Sarah Nauman, Principal;
<u>Guests:</u>	
<u>Regrets:</u>	Julia Alleyne, Bohodar Rubashewsky, Terry Jakobsmeier, Kathryn Marcus, Vice-Principal;
<u>Recorder:</u>	Nadine Soteldo, Paola Vela
<u>Presiding:</u>	Helen Huang, Chair
<u>Location:</u>	Zoom Link

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1. (a) CALL TO ORDER
(b) LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM, and the Principal conducted the land acknowledgment.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

2.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of November 30, 2022

MOTION: Thomson / Collins

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of November 30, 2022 be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

2.2 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees’ Regular Public Meeting of September 28, 2022.

MOTION: Hochman / Thomson

THAT the Minutes for the Board of Trustee Regular Public Meeting of September 28, 2022, be approved as amended.

-MOTION CARRIED-

2.3 Approval of the minutes of the Special Board meeting of November 8, 2022

MOTION: Collins / Thomson

THAT the Minutes for the Board of Trustee Special Meeting of November 8, 2022 be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

3. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST- None

4. DELEGATIONS - None

5. UPDATES

5.1 HOLLAND BLOORVIEW

M. O'Keefe confirmed that he would send the report in the normal format it as soon as he received it.

5.2 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Sarah Nauman)

S. Nauman noted that while negotiations between the province and CUPE continue, BSA staff maintained their usual high level of service.

The need to have a negative COVID test was eliminated, and students are allowed to return to their classes once symptoms subside, just as other schools in the province do.

As of November the 8th, there are no flu outbreaks, and everyone is present and accounted for, although absences are expected to continue due to the children's exposure.

The first face-to-face meeting with parents was held after the survey was conducted. Unfortunately, 19 people (about 11 families) were absent due to a typing error. Additional meetings will be held to accommodate the parents who were not able to attend the first meeting.

A book fair, led by the librarian, raised \$2,000 in scholastic credits to spend on new books.

The Principal also reported that she hosted the Section 68 Principals who toured BSA and had the research institute demonstrate the computerized brain interface.

An awards assembly is upcoming and the winter concert will be virtual.

Discussion ensued

5.3 SUPERVISORY OFFICER'S REPORT (M. O'Keefe)

M. O'Keefe commented that we have communicated with the Ministry again regarding the letters of appointment of the trustees.

BSA has a one page local agreement with the elementary teachers' federation and discussions will take place in the next few months.

Discussion ensued

6. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Committee reports/matters

(1) Policy Committee – Board report

MOTION: Barry / Nicole

THAT the Board approve the following new policies:

- a. Policy HR 011 – Electronic Monitoring
- b. Policy GOV 011 – Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance

The policy that garnered the most attention was GOV 011 – Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance due to the regulation with respect to in person attendance at meetings (sections 9, 10, 15).

The committee evaluated the possibility of holding the meetings in a hybrid form, complying with all the points of the law. The OWL system will be tested as a solution regarding hybrid meetings.

The revision of the regulation has been raised with the Minister recently by OPSBA due to the number of questions regarding the development of videoconference meetings. However, there has been no response from the Ministry. It was decided that the Chair would write a letter to the Minister requesting the revision to permit virtual meetings of the board for the betterment of the community.

-MOTION CARRIED-

MOTION: Barry / Nicole

THAT the Board approve the following revised procedures as presented:

- a. Procedure OP #1 – Emergency Closure of School
- b. Procedure OP #2 – Parking Access
- c. Procedure OP #7 – Employee/Trustee Equipment Checklist
- d. Procedure OP #8 – Student Busing – Responsibilities of Staff
- e. Procedure OP #9 – Disposal of Surplus or Obsolete Equipment

-MOTION CARRIED-

MOTION: Barry / Nicole

THAT the Board approve that the following procedure be deleted:

- a. Procedure OP #10 – Technology Requests

-MOTION CARRIED-

MOTION: Barry / Nicole

THAT the Board approve the deletion of Board by-law #18 (Electronic Meetings)

-MOTION CARRIED-

(2) Governance and Nomination Committee– No report

(3) Finance and Audit Committee – Board report

The committee met and prepared a report to recommend approval of the audited Annual Financial statement and the Audit Findings Report for 2021-2022.

The Chair of the Committee commented that everything was in line, and it was a transparent audit, resulting in a positive report. In addition, BSA is entitled to retain any interest that's accrued on the money that is owed to the Ministry.

MOTION: Kevin / Nicole

THAT the 2021/22 Financial Statement and Audit Findings Report, prepared by the board's auditors, be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

MOTION: Kevin / Barry

THAT KPMG be approved as the board auditors for 2022/23.

-MOTION CARRIED-

(4) Bursary Committee – No Report

(5) Research Ethics – Verbal report

The hospital agreed that the Bloorview School Authority staff would be able to be either a co-investigator or, in some cases, depending on the type of project, a co-principal investigator on projects initiated by the Authority. They would still need to have full research scientist associated with the Research Institute on their project.

The next step is to draft a written agreement with the research ethics board from the hospital.

6.2 Items for Discussion

Trustee Appointments by Minister

The Education Act (Section 220-1) refers to the successors who are elected, as follows “the members of a Board shall remain in office until their successors are elected, and the new board is organized.” This means that, in the case of an elected board, former trustees will continue on the Board until the newly elected slate of trustees takes office. Legal Counsel suggests that a reasonable interpretation of this section would be that it applies as well to “appointed “trustees and that, therefore, our existing trustees should continue to function as the Board.

Discussion ensued

As a second point, once a trustee is approved, there's another section on the Education Act which indicates that within seven days of the date of the appointment, whatever date that might be, the trustees have to have an inaugural meeting to select your Chair and choose meeting dates.

Strategic planning

The core team has been given a schedule for moving forward, which would see stakeholder interviews and focus groups happening in January and early February.

The facilitators will be drafting a plan from there, defining their action plan, developing an operational plan, and having all of that vetted through the Board. They've outlined that, based on their discussions with the core team and stakeholders, several features have been identified as being very strong elements of the school (e.g. the personalized plans, the innovations). Challenging areas are identified as teacher retention, burnout over COVID, absenteeism, recognition, succession planning, or balancing the complex needs with the curriculum.

Discussion ensued

7. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES - None

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- a) **Action After Board (Sept and Nov 2022) - Received**

9. CORRESPONDENCE- None

10. IN CAMERA

- The Board resolved to In-Camera at 9:06 PM
- The Board returned from In-Camera at 9:11 PM

11. PENDING ITEMS – none

12. MOTIONS/ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN-CAMERA – none

13. NEXT MEETINGS – TBD

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

THAT the Public Meeting be adjourned at 9:11 PM

-MOTION CARRIED -