



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting
April 16, 2019 5:30 p.m. Room - Library

<u>Trustees:</u>	Julia Alleyne, Kevin Collins, Helen Huang, Barry Pervin, Nicole Thomson, and Rick Volpe
<u>Staff:</u>	Michael O’Keefe, Director; Linda Ward, Principal; Robin White, Vice Principal; Terry Jakobsmeier
<u>Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital:</u>	Stewart Wong
<u>Guests:</u>	
<u>Regrets:</u>	Julia Hanigsberg,
<u>Recorder:</u>	Elizabeth Lee
<u>Presiding:</u>	Julia Alleyne, Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION - “The Wonder in Everyone”

L. Ward introduced Rose Monacelli and Kate Tuff who partnered together in providing the Disability Awareness Program.

Rose identified the theme of the Program. “When we all feel safe and included, we all succeed.”

Rose and Kate shared some very positive reflections from the grade 7 and 8 students from Crescent School who have been on a 6-week rotation for the Disability Awareness Project.

Rose and Kate explained that the rationale for putting the project together is that when students who require therapy return to their school, they still experience barriers and discrimination in their daily lives both in school and in the community. We want to end the stigma around youths with disabilities. This program is to change the perception by applying an “equity lens” and for students to see themselves as agents of change. The next step is to continue to expand the initiative and increase outreach to community schools, continue to play a leadership role in collaboration with educational partners, students, and parents, and to use an “equity lens” to build cultural changes in schools to work towards creating societal changes.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

2.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of April 16, 2019

MOTION: Huang/Volpe

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of April 16, 2019 be approved as presented with additions to the correspondence.

-MOTION CARRIED-

2.2 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of March 5, 2019

MOTION: Thomson/Collins

THAT the minutes for the Regular Public Meeting of March 5, 2019 be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

4. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST- None

5. DELEGATIONS - None

6. UPDATES

5.1 HOLLAND BLOORVIEW (S. Wong)

S. Wong provided an update on a few items regarding healthcare changes. There are different initiatives that the hospital is looking at including providing advice on advancing healthcare pediatric, providing government advice on initiatives regarding child health providers, and finding different ways for the government to ensure pediatric and disability service is provided. S. Wong stated that they had 3 Ministries at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital to view our facility and discuss initiatives.

The Chair asked if the hospital is building new health teams or networking with three other areas

S. Wong said that they are looking at both but nothing has been solidified. The government is looking at a geographic health team at the moment.

5.2 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (L. Ward)

In addition to the Principal's distributed report some additional comments were provided. There are 2 Parent Education workshop sessions planned for May. The workshops will give parents information on how they can use iPads and other tech resources to support their children's learning at home. These workshops will also tie into the school council's goal of providing opportunities for parents to speak to and get to know one another. L. Ward and other staff attended a conference on Special Education that focused on technology. Bloorview School had two teams that presented. The presentations were well received. The teams presented on what they were actually doing in the classrooms and how educators can also apply these strategies with their students. The response was very positive and attendees were able to gain information and resources.

The Chair said that she noticed there are four families in the waiting list, what is the likelihood that we can offer them a spot in the school?

L. Ward explained that we have a limited number of spaces in the IET program. The number of students accepted each year is based on the number of students graduating. We maintain a waiting list so that if families move out of area we are able to fill classroom spaces as they become available. In past years, we have been able to admit children who were on the waitlist as family plans do change from time-to-time. In addition to families on the waiting list we have spoken with parents of children who were not accepted into the IET program. During these conversations, we review the criteria for eligibility to the IET program. L. Ward also provided an update about the school website. We are on track. Two screenshots of the sandbox website under construction were shared for review.

5.3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. O'Keefe)

The Director's report was distributed. The Director stated that he had received a third response from a Sec 68 school regarding the Director roles survey and will follow up with the other two schools. In addition, the Director stated that, even though the provincial budget has been distributed, we are still waiting for some EPO grants to be released. Some portions of these grants may be applicable to our school. Two staffing positions have been approved.

Discussion ensued.

7. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Committee reports/matters

(1) Policy Committee – No Report – Next Meeting April 30, 2019

(2) Finance and Audit Committee

- **Financial Statements**
- **Statement of Operations**
- **Potential Revisions to budget**

K. Collins distributed the financial statements and documents to the Board and explained that we are right on target for the end of February. We have expended about half of our funding. K. Collins asked if there were any questions after reviewing the statements.

The Chair said that in the previous Board motion, we were going to allot the remainder for the Director's fee from operations to reserves.

K. Collins said that they have done that and reviewed the savings, even with the approved budget and new positions, we still have areas with excess operating funds to cover the Director position until the end of the year and not have to go into our reserve funds. Classrooms and students would not be impacted as the funds are from other areas and there is also a general surplus.

(3) Playground Committee – Verbal Report

L. Ward stated that the request for information has closed. We had a number of companies that put in information and answered a series of questions with supplementary material. Next step is to send out the information to the committee and have each member rank the companies based on the information received from the various companies. The committee will be meeting with Purchasing from the hospital for the next step which will be to invite the companies to come onsite to share more information.

Discussion ensued.

(4) Bursary committee – No Report

(5) Discipline Committee – No report

(6) License and Services Committee – In Camera

7.2 Special Report – School Year Calendar

The School Year Calendar was distributed to the Board for review. The Director stated that the school year calendar connects with TDSB and TCDSB mostly for bussing purposes. Another requirement is to put together a list of activities that will take place on Professional Development days. There have been consultations with staff and the school council. The Ontario Government announced that one of the PD activity days must include some focus on Autism but we have not received specific information as to what that entails. There may be further modifications to the PD agenda.

K. Collins asked how does the Ontario Government requirement for a PD day to focus on autism impact the school.

Linda said that autism is usually the secondary diagnosis and every classroom has at least one student with autism. Discussion ensued.

Approval of the School Year Calendar for 2019-2020

MOTION: Thomson/Collins

THAT the School Year Calendar for 2019 – 2020 academic year be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

8. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES - NONE

9. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Action After Board (March 5, 2019)**
 - Everything is complete

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- **From Marvin Zuker (Verbal)**

The Chair shared the email interaction with Marvin. Marvin's wish is to not have a social event, and we will respect that.
- **Approval from the Ministry to post for Trustee position**

The Chair said the posting is ready and will be shared on our website, on Twitter, with parents, staff and the community. The closing date will be approximately three weeks after posting. The Board agreed that four people on the selection committee will be sufficient, including a Board member, school council member, ministry representative and someone from the Hospital. The Board will review the selection committee's recommendation by email or at a designated meeting prior to the end of the school year. .

- **Section 68 AGM scheduled at Waterloo is now cancelled**

The Section 68 OPBSA representative notified the Board Chairs that the planned May 2019 AGM has been cancelled and will be rescheduled once all Board of Trustees have been re-appointed. There are 2 schools still going through the process and their Board appointments have not been finalized. One of the schools is the AGM host school. Any urgent matters or OPBSA updates will be managed through a teleconference as needed.

Discussion ensued.

11. IN CAMERA

The In-Camera Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

12. MOTIONS/ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN-CAMERA - None

13. PENDING ITEMS - None

14. MEETING EVALUATION

The Chair asked the Board to evaluate the Board meeting. The evaluations were all positive.

15. NEXT MEETINGS - June 11, 2019

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Volpe/Thomson

THAT the Public Meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

-MOTION CARRIED-