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MINUTES
Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting
May 11, 2021   5:30 p.m.

Trustees:	Kevin Collins, Arnie Hochman, Helen Huang, Barry Pervin, Nicole Thomson, Rick Volpe, Julia Alleyne
Staff:	Michael O'Keefe, Supervisory Office; Sarah Nauman, Principal; Robin White, Vice- Principal; Terry Jakobsmeier
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital:	Stewart Wong
Guests:	
Regrets:	
Recorder:	Karen Arevalo
Presiding:	Nicole Thomson, Chair
Location:	Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   N. Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL**   5:35pm

   2.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of May 11, 2021

   MOTION: Alleyne /Pervin

   THAT the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of May 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

   -MOTION CARRIED-

   2.2 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of February 23, 2021

   MOTION: Volpe/ Alleyne

   THAT the Minutes for the Board of Trustee Public Meeting of February 23, 2021 be approved as presented.

   -MOTION CARRIED-

3. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST- None

4. DELEGATIONS - None

5. UPDATES

5.1 HOLLAND BLOORVIEW (S. Wong)

S. Wong, shared that Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab began admitting adult clients April 16, 2021. As a measure to support other hospitals all children's hospitals are now accepting adult clients. This is a substantial change for the Hospital.

S. Wong also shared with the Board members that the Hospital continues to take several measures to keep all safe in coordination with the school. Measures implemented include, testing for our students.

5.2 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (S. Nauman)

S. Nauman informed members of the Board that Bloorview School continues to manage all of the pivots without missing a beat. On April 6, with 30 minutes notice that in person schools were closing, staff were able to organize and send home technology, OT materials and mobility devices, and were online and engaged with students on April 7. Learning remained virtual for the week of April 10. During this time, all parents were consulted and with the support of Holland Bloorview offered asymptomatic testing in advance of return to in person learning on April 26.

S. Nauman shared with the Board members that since the beginning of the pandemic Bloorview School has had 11 students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and one occasional staff member. To date there has been no transmission within the school. Parents have supported the school's efforts by consistently screening their children daily. Since April 26, parents have also been asked to send masks for their children if there are no medical reasons not to. Staff have been working hard to teach students proper mask etiquette and students are doing an amazing job learning to wear masks. We have 55 in person and 11 virtually.

 BSA had completed our admissions process for September and have offered 24 placements. We are set to begin September with 72 students (our maximum). Staffing is well under way with seven new teachers coming on board. We will be starting their orientation with a virtual welcome webinar on May 19.

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

M. O'Keefe emphasized in that there is considerable concern in the education community about student and staff mental health needs both during and after the pandemic.

The bursary application process has been extended to allow for more applicants.

M. O'Keefe also shared that there is considerable concern among regular school boards regarding the disengagement of students (especially with the reality that in some cases this disengagement will be permanent) from the education system**.**

6. **ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

   6.1 Committee reports/matters

   (1) Policy Committee – No Report

   (2) Governance and Nomination Committee– No Report

   (3) Finance and Audit Committee – No Report

   (4) Bursary Committee – No Report

   (5) Committee Terms of Reference – No Report

   6.2 Items for Discussion

   (1) Board Report - School Year Calendar
   - **Pd Day Comparison Chart**
   - **Proposed School Year Calendar**

      M. O'Keefe presented the report to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Pervin/Collins

THAT the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar be approved as presented.

                              -MOTION CARRIED-

   (2) Consent agenda as part of regular agenda
   - **Description of Consent Agenda**
   - **Sample A Consent Agenda**
   - **Sample B Consent Agenda**

      N. Thomson shared the concept of a Consent Agenda with the suggestion that such an approach be used in board meetings to group routine, procedural, and informational items to help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on substantive issues.

      Trustees did not agree with introducing Consent Agenda approach to the meetings.

7. **TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

   Sec 68 involvement and common interests (R. Volpe)

   R. Volpe, shared his interest in discussing the involvement and common interests between all the Sec. 68 schools.

   Trustees discussed the possibility of becoming more involved with other Sec 68 schools.

It was decided that the Chair should a letter (or email) to invite Sec 68 Chairs, to start a conversation regarding joint activities.

Topics to potentially discuss with other Sec 68 Chairs, could be mental health and disengagement.

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8. **ITEMS OF INTEREST**
   - a) **Action After Board (Feb 23, 2021)**
     Two outstanding items to be discussed in camera

   - b) **Retreat**
     Trustees who were coordinating the retreat had planned it to be held virtually in the spring, to be a half day, and not held during a board meeting day, preferably on a weekend. Now it more practical to hold the retreat early in the fall.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE- None**

10. **IN CAMERA**

    - The Board resolved to In-Camera at 7:15 PM

    - The Board returned from In-Camera at 8:00 PM

11. **PENDING ITEMS - none**

12. **NEXT MEETING   - June 15, 2021**

13. **MOTIONS/ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN-CAMERA**

    The Board confirmed All motions that were approved in camera

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

    MOTION: Helen/Volpe

    THAT the Public Meeting be adjourned at 8: **04 PM**

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