



## MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting  
May 8, 2018 5:30 p.m., Library 1W200

<u>Trustees:</u>	Julia Alleyne, Kevin Collins, Terry Coulthard, Barry Pervin, Rick Volpe, Marvin Zuker
<u>Staff:</u>	Michael O’Keefe, Director; Linda Ward, Principal; Alise Sanborn, Vice Principal
<u>Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital:</u>	Stewart Wong (representing Julia Hanigsberg)
<u>Guests:</u>	
<u>Regrets:</u>	Helen Huang, Terry Jakobsmeier
<u>Recorder:</u>	Stefanie San Juan
<u>Presiding:</u>	Barry Pervin, Chair

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**                      **The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31.**

**2. Presentation – Get UP and GO**

R. Khan, D. Rowles, and K. Tuff spoke about the Get Up and GO Program. The Get Up and GO program is aimed at helping Youth return to usual activities. The program was designed for Youth ages 12-18 whose life has been affected by chronic pain and as a result has started missing school on a regular basis, withdrawing from friends, social activities, and other interests, and experiencing increased stress and/or symptoms of anxiety.

The four-week program is run in conjunction with Holland Bloorview and consists of a two-week inpatient stay followed by a two-week day patient program. During this time, the team will work together on a plan that is right for each child in order for the child to return to usual activities. Every minute of the child’s day is scheduled, including exercise, food, and sleep schedules.

The goal is to get the Youth back in school in September by building self-awareness, self-esteem, and self-advocacy skills. The team liaises with the child’s home school and tries to fill in any gaps and advocates for a successful transition back.

Summer 2017 was the first run of the program and participants were very engaged and found it meaningful. The team was able to procure funding to run it again this summer.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**3.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of May 8, 2018.**

**MOTION: Collins/Alleyne**

**THAT** the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2018 be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**3.2 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of April 10, 2018.**

**MOTION: Coulthard/Alleyne**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of April 10, 2018 be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**4. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – NONE**

**5. DELEGATIONS – NONE**

**6. UPDATES**

**6.1 HOLLAND BLOORVIEW (S. Wong)**

S. Wong spoke about a meeting between Holland Bloorview and Uton Robinson, Executive Superintendent of Special Education and Section Programs for TDSB. During the meeting, several of Holland Bloorview’s initiatives were discussed including Capes for Kids, the ‘Dear Everybody’ Campaign, and Classroom Inclusion Workshops. The goal of these campaigns is to push inclusion at the forefront of thinking in the classroom. Board members expressed concerns about the absence of school representatives at this meeting. It was felt that any such meeting in the future should include school staff.

**6.2 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (L. Ward)**

L. Ward shared the events during Education Week. Bloorview School hosted their first ‘Twitter Chat’ this month which focused on Equity. Followers of Bloorview School’s Twitter account tweeted their responses to Bloorview School’s questions on Equity. Tweets included questions on how to make education accessible and also shared photographs of children. The questions were thought-provoking and raised awareness about Bloorview School’s students and programs. There were many replies and Bloorview School’s team tracked how many likes or replies they received .

L. Ward also spoke about the School Climate Survey from staff and parents. Staff engagement increased by 40% from the 2016-2017 school year and there was a slight increase in the number of completed surveys from parents. A more fulsome report on the climate surveys will be provided at the next board meeting

L. Ward shared information about a new piece of assistive technology that Bloorview School is piloting. There are some students who have “computer intolerance” due to brain injuries and it limits the amount of screen time that they can tolerate. The new technology is a computer screen/monitor that allows students to use the screens longer and allows them to participate more in computer-based curriculums.

### **6.3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. O'Keefe)**

R. Volpe will be attending the Section 68 AGM May 17, 2018.

M. O'Keefe shared that 13 applications were received for the Trustee position. The next step is to ask the applicants to fill out the Trustee Matrix. The Board needs to make a decision on the composition of the Selection Committee. The Committee should be stakeholders of the Bloorview School Authority, people who are knowledgeable about special education, and understand the roles and responsibilities of governance. The Board suggests that the Selection Committee would consist of a Holland Bloorview Hospital representative (who has experience with the school), a School Council representative (parent), a Ministry representative, a past BSA Trustee, and a TDSB Trustee. If this composition is successful, the Board suggests that it be included in the GOV006 – Trustee Selection Policy.

M. O'Keefe shared that one of the Bloorview teachers has been granted funds for research as part of the TLLP Program.

## **7. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **7.1 IKP Review – Update**

R. Volpe shared his appreciation of the letter from the Board Chair which thanked the IKP Committee for their work.

### **7.2 Report Regarding Nature and Cost of Legal Matters**

A report was shared with the Board identifying the nature and costs of legal matters at Bloorview School. The report confirms that costs are within the budget for the School.

### **7.3 Committee Reports/Matters**

#### **(1) Policy Committee – Report – Policy Revisions**

**MOTION: Alleyne/Collins**

**THAT** the revised policy PCE 004 – Expression of Concern be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**MOTION: Alleyne/Collins**

**THAT** the revised policy HR 007 – Performance Appraisal be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**MOTION: Alleyne/Collins**

**THAT** the new procedure OP 09 – Disposal of Surplus or Obsolete Equipment be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**MOTION: Alleyne/Collins**

**THAT** the new policy GOV 010 – Provision of Requested Information to Individual Trustees be approved with revisions discussed.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**MOTION: Alleyne/Collins**

**THAT** the reviewed policy GOV 007 – Legal Policy be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**MOTION: Alleyne/Collins**

**THAT** the revised policy PCE 006 – School Council be approved with revisions discussed.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

**MOTION: Alleyne/Collins**

**THAT** the deletion of OP #5 – Transportation on Excursions be approved.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**

The Board reviewed an operations procedure OP#4 – Conducting Research at Bloorview School Authority. The present procedure directs any application received to be referred to a reputable research expert (e.g., University, School Board) to determine if the proposed research meets the criteria.

The Policy Committee will review the Board’s suggestion that any research proposals should have a Research and Ethics Board (REB) Certificate and be affiliated with a research partner. The Policy Committee will also edit Paragraph 5 to specifically request a Vulnerable Section Check.

**(2) Finance and Audit Committee – No Report**

**(3) Playground Committee – In Camera**

**(4) Bursary committee**

Applications have been received and the Bursary Committee will convene soon to review applications.

**(5) Discipline Committee – No Report**

**7.4 Report Regarding Mental Health Summit (A. Sanborn)**

A. Sanborn represented Bloorview School at the Mental Health Summit where over 40 different organizations gathered. Ontario’s Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy (released in 2011) and the Ontario’s Well-Being Strategy for Education (released in 2016) were discussed at the summit.

Developing child and student well-being means supporting the whole child—not only the child’s academic achievement, but also his or her cognitive, emotional, social, and physical well-being. This includes mental health and starts with safe, healthy, and accepting schools that teach equity and inclusion.

The idea is to build a “Mentally Healthy School” that embraces school-wide evidence-based programs, practices, and policies that include universal intervention and preventative measures. For example, the Ontario’s Well-Being Strategy will expand focus to include educator and staff mental health and well-being. The idea is that educators and staff working with children need skills (such as emotion regulation) in order to pass along those skills to the students.

A. Sanborn also shared that a big initiative of the summit is the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Program that focuses on weaving skills into the curriculum on a daily basis. The benefits are children learning more about compassion and empathy, being able to self-regulate, having self-awareness of emotions, and seeing how one's behaviours can affect other people.

## **8. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

In response to a trustee enquiry, L. Ward will send the names of the teachers leaving and the new teachers starting in September 2018 to the Board. The Board will send 'Thank You' letters to the teachers leaving and welcome letters to the new staff.

## **9. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **9.1 Action After Board (April 10, 2018)**

M. O'Keefe confirmed that the Board is on-schedule with the actions.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 OPSBA Policy Resolutions**

### **10.2 OPSBA AGM Program**

### **10.3 Confirmation of Delegates**

### **10.4 Board of Directors List**

R. Volpe is listed as the Alternate for School Authority Treatment Centres.

### **10.5 Voting Delegates List**

R. Volpe is listed as the Voting Delegate for the OPSBA 2018 AGM with J. Alleyne as the Alternate.

## **11. IN CAMERA**

## **12. PENDING ITEMS**

**Meeting Evaluation**

## **13. NEXT MEETING – June 12, 2018**

## **14. MOTIONS/ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN-CAMERA**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION: Zuker/Volpe**

**THAT** the Public Meeting be adjourned at 8:52 pm.

**- MOTION CARRIED-**