

Bloorview School Council

Wednesday, Feb 2, 2022 7PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81590692522>

Attending: Jamie (co-chair), Trinela (co-chair), Aimee Jessop, Trishauna, Bill Melven (community representative/BSA volunteer), Dani (secretary/BSA educational assistant), Heather (BSA IET teacher), Rose (BSA physical education teacher), Andrea Norton (PT), Sarah and Robin.

Regrets:

Ministry of Education: [Guidelines for School Councils](#)

Item	Description / Notes
Welcome	Jamie <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome back after the holiday season + introduction- Recap of public health update, phase 2 and 3 possibly coming around mid-March- Recap of today's school council agenda
COVID update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Screening- Modified Schedule- PCR tests- RAT tests	Sarah <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome back- Continuing to deal with an evolving situation- Week before and during the holidays: 36 families and staff members contacted and told to isolate- BSA staff were unable to return at the beginning of January based on staff shortages due to isolation- 32% of staff in isolation at the worst, 17% of staff away on average currently. No new exposures.- Modified plan will be ending after this week and classes will resume as normal. Parents will be informed tomorrow. If required, we are prepared to return to a modified plan.- Isolation guidelines follow the more stringent measures for high-risk settings. PCR tests available through the hospital.- 2 types of COVID-19 tests: PCR vs. Rapid Antigen tests- Rapid Antigen Tests sent home with staff and students (2 each)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive Rapid Antigen Tests are considered valid and should be taken as positive - If Rapid Antigen Tests are used for BSA students, Melissa (office admin) will send home more. Request extra if other members of the household have used them. - Sarah meets with the Holland Bloorview pandemic team once a week for updates
<p>School Year Calendar Consultation</p>	<p>Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As a school authority we have all the rights and responsibilities of a school board, including setting the upcoming school calendar for 2022/2023 - Sarah has shared the Draft of the upcoming school year with council members - 3 of the Professional Activity (PA) Days content is ministry mandated, though we choose when they occur. - We are proposing a PA Day before Labour Day for staff medical training. This differs from the Toronto School Board, which has theirs on the final day of the school year. This only impacts educators and it will not impact families. - Parents will continue to have family visits the first week of school and be invited on site for medical demonstrations prior to school beginning for students.
<p>Special Education Plan</p>	<p>Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special Education plan to be revised annually. Thorough and systematic revision to be held this year. - Asking for 1 or 2 parents to review. Jamie & Trinela volunteered. Thank you, Jamie & Trinela. - Special Education Advisory Committees(SEAC) are consulted in typical school boards. School Authorities, under section 68, are not mandated to have a SEAC committee.
<p>Principal/Vice-Principal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spiral Gardens and “You Dance Movement”. - Indigenous Elder visits on hold. - Recent PA Day professional development. - Reporting. - Transition process 	<p>Robin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome back - Spiral Garden: arts programming for our students through Holland Bloorview’s indoor studio space - Final week of spiral garden is this week - A few disruptions to the spiral garden schedule (COVID, etc.), makeup sessions have been made - Indigenous Elder Bob visits have been currently put on hold - Parent curiosity regarding what staff do during PA Days

<p>for IET students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recap of previous PA Day: support staff participated in several PD sessions focusing on the registration process for IET students (Wendy: medical information, Margot: bussing/important information, Andrea: therapy, Moira: speech) - Support Staff took part in a half day course entitled 'Play-based learning; supporting students with autism' - Term 1 reporting February 15: grade 1 report cards, communication of learning for kindergarten - Next week families will receive information regarding parent/teacher conferences (February 17, and the morning of February 18) - You Dance: partnership with The National Ballet. On site in the past, currently held virtually. They offer us funded sessions for classes, Anne Marie is our instructor. A number of classes have signed up and participated. Some sessions happen during instruction time, some happen during DPA (second half of lunch). - Transition process for IET students is underway - Transition plans are created for students in grade 1 and students transitioning out
<p>Other - Questions</p>	<p><i>When is the actual Spiral Garden opening?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah: hoping to open this spring, renovation is of the actual garden to be more accessible. - Sarah: typical budget includes field trips. Considering paying for another set of spiral garden sessions in the spring using the field trip budget. <p><i>Inquiry about the swimming program for students</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah: no information currently regarding resuming the IET swim program. The issue is being unable to wear masks in the pool. <p><i>Inquiry if insights and information from school council are communicated to families</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah confirmed it is <p>No further council member questions for Sarah & Robin.</p> <p>Final remarks from Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressed a conversation on the BSA parent Facebook group (this group is not managed by BSA staff or admin) regarding parents being upset about the late return to in-person classes in January - If parents have concerns, such as those regarding

	<p>staffing, it is not constructive to discuss it through Facebook as there is misinformation occurring. Contact BSA administration (Sarah & Robin) directly for the most accurate information. BSA staff are doing their best.</p>
Next meeting	<p>Wednesday March 2, 2022 at 10:00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Morning meetings allow for interested high school students to attend <p>Sarah re: next evening meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Suggested having a speaker- Referred to the discussion during our first council meeting of this year (October 2021) regarding parent engagement- Trinela suggested she and Jamie could reach out to Andrea Hoffman at Holland Bloorview, depending on the agenda and availability for the next evening meeting- Trinela explained she and Jamie often attend the Holland Bloorview Family Advisory Committee meetings