



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting
February 11, 2025 6:30 PM Hospital Board Room – 5 E 100

<u>Trustees:</u>	Kevin Collins, Jamie Grant, Arnie Hochman, Helen Huang (Zoom), Barry Pervin, Nicole Thomson
<u>Staff:</u>	Michael O’Keefe, Supervisory Officer; Sarah Nauman, Principal; Kathryn Markus, Vice-Principal;
<u>Hospital:</u>	
<u>Regrets:</u>	Irene Andress
<u>Recorder:</u>	Nadine Soteldo
<u>Presiding:</u>	Jamie Grant, Chair
<u>Location:</u>	Hospital Board Room 5 E 100/ ZOOM

1. (a) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at **6:31 PM**.

(b) LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Principal conducted the land acknowledgement.

(c) PRESENTATION – Building Blocks of Language, Play and Literacy: Tools to Guide Assessment and Planning

Presentation by Christina Mathura, BSA Curriculum Lead and Admissions Liaison and SLPs, Moira Kaminker and Libby New.

In the 2023–2024 school year, a Play Continuum was developed to reinforce the role of play in supporting language development. The team is exploring ways to enhance collaboration, with a strong focus on integrating play-based approaches.

An explanation of the continuum was provided, emphasizing the importance of using a common language to effectively support teachers. The continuum offers valuable insights into a child's communication skills and helps inform instructional strategies. The “Right to Read” initiative was identified as a significant influence, particularly for students who needed targeted support in the language domain.

An overview of the Early Literacy Screener Assessment was also provided.

To support this initiative, classroom teams created themed play kits aligned with the continuum. Each classroom also developed a toy catalog to help guide resource selection and engagement.

Professional learning opportunities were offered to support staff, with an emphasis on ensuring the content is both meaningful and practical.

A coaching session for parents is currently being planned.

It was acknowledged that multiple factors must be considered when evaluating the success of the program.

2.1 AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of February 11, 2025

MOTION: Hochman/Collins

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of February 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

(b) Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION: Thomson/Collins

THAT the consent agenda, be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

The following items were passed as part of the consent agenda:

- (a) The minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of December 16, 2024**
- (b) The minutes for the Board of Trustees 2025 Organizational Meeting of December 16, 2024**
- (c) Report of the Governance and Nominating Committee meeting of January 28, 2025**
- (d) Motion from the Governance and Nominating Committee Meeting of January 28, 2025**

Motion:

That the Board approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Governance and Nominating committee.

- (e) Report of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting of January 28, 2025.**
- (f) Motion from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting of January 28, 2025.**

Motion:

That the Board approve the revised Policy GOV 002: Finance and Audit committee as presented

- (g) Report of the Policy Committee meeting of January 28, 2025**
- (h) Items of Interest 8.1 – Action After Board – December 2024.**

3. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

4. DELEGATIONS - None

5. UPDATES

5.1 HOLLAND BLOORVIEW (I.A.)

Irene Andress had planned to attend the meeting but was unable to due to illness. Her report was circulated in advance.

5.2 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (S. N.)

Admissions process has began and there are 41 applicants. 28 students will be leaving, and 29 new students will be joining BSA.

Transition meetings are currently underway to support students who are leaving. These meetings focus on identifying and advocating for student needs to ensure smooth transitions.

Staffing considerations for the upcoming school year are ongoing. For the first time, ETFO and TDSB have negotiated a contract specific to Bloorview School Authority (BSA), which allows teachers to remain for a minimum of two years, with the option to stay for up to four years. While this is the framework, BSA remains committed to doing what is in the best interest of the school community.

With the recent approval of the budget, two Educational Assistant (EA) and two Noon Hour Supervisors (NHS) positions (previously temporary) are now permanent. As a result, four individuals have been welcomed into permanent roles at BSA.

An incident involving cheque fraud was reported. All affected cheques in that run were cancelled, and the school will be reissuing them.

The number of applications is fewer than in previous years but the applications were more appropriate—representing students who clearly meet the program criteria.

The team is in the early stages of reviewing applications and watching accompanying videos.

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

Trustees were reminded to sign up for immersion days. These visits offer a chance to experience the daily school environment. All dates are available except February 20, March 18–20, and April 15.

The annual Staff Appreciation Lunch will take place on June 20, from 11:40 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Trustees are invited to serve lunch.

A special thank you was extended to Sarah for taking on additional finance-related responsibilities during the transition to new financial processes.

Trustees were informed that Board approval of the 2025–2026 school year calendar is required by March 1st. A short special meeting (15 minutes) at a convenient time, with a single-item agenda can be scheduled to address this.

It was noted that a search is anticipated to fill the finance position but the specific skills and experience required will be determined once revised financial processes are finalized.

6. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Committee reports/matters

- (1) **Governance and Nomination Committee** – The Board Report including one motion was included in the Consent Agenda
- (2) **Finance and Audit Committee** – The Board Report including one Motion was included in the Consent Agenda
- (3) **Policy Committee** – The Board Report was included in the Consent Agenda
- (4) **Bursary Committee** – No report

6.2 DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS - Use of personal and Board email addresses

Occasionally, requests are received to contact Trustees. The Board's preference is to use official Board email addresses for such communications. Going forward, we will provide the BSA email address as the primary contact and will BCC personal email addresses as appropriate. Instructions for accessing BSA email credentials will be sent separately.

7. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

A Trustee inquired about the current status of the strategic planning process. It was noted that this will be reported at a future meeting.

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST

8.1 Action After Board (December 16, 2024) – Included in the Consent Agenda.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence

10. IN CAMERA

The Board moved to an In-Camera Meeting at **7:34PM**

The Board returned from In-Camera at **7:36 PM**

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

12. PENDING ITEMS - None

13. NEXT MEETINGS – June 24, October 7, December 9, 2025

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Hochman/Huang

THAT the Public Meeting be adjourned at **7:36 PM**.

-MOTION CARRIED-