



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Special Public Meeting
Sept 9, 2021 7:30 p.m.

<u>Trustees:</u>	Kevin Collins, Arnie Hochman, Helen Huang, Barry Pervin, Nicole Thomson, Rick Volpe
<u>Staff:</u>	Michael O’Keefe, Supervisory Office; Sarah Nauman, Principal;
<u>Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital:</u>	Stewart Wong
<u>Guests:</u>	
<u>Regrets:</u>	Julia Alleyne
<u>Recorder:</u>	Karen Arevalo
<u>Presiding:</u>	Nicole Thomson, Chair
<u>Location:</u>	Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

2.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Special Public Meeting of September 9, 2021

MOTION: Huang/Collins

THAT the Agenda for the Special Public Meeting of September 9, 2021 be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

3. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST- None declared

4. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Committee reports/matters

(1) Policy Committee – Approval of new policy HR 006 – COVID 19 Vaccination Policy

Background and relevant information was provided regarding the proposed policy including:

- The Ministry of Education allows for three possible alternative options:
 1. Vaccination
 2. Proof of Medical reason for not being vaccinated
 3. Proof of completion of an educational program
- The Hospital policy accepts only the first two of those options after Oct 15, 2021.
- Since Bloorview School is a tenant of the Hospital, Authority policy is expected to comply with the hospital policy.
- The Ministry is asking for Statistical Reporting of BSA vaccination Rates. The Hospital is requesting a statistical report as well.
- Trustees will be asked to complete the BSA Attestation, since they are volunteers.
- The Transportation Consortium is responsible for gathering the attestations of their employees (it is not responsibility of BSA).
- As of October 15, 2021, unvaccinated staff will not be permitted into the school and will be placed on an unpaid leave of absence.
- Of 123 BSA Staff only three are waiting for their second dose and it is expected that all will be fully vaccinated before that October deadline.

In the discussion of the proposed policy two amendments were proposed

AMENDMENT #1: Hochman/Huang

That the policy statement be amended to read as follows:

It is the policy of the Bloorview School Authority that

*Effective September 7 and until October 14, 2021, all Bloorview School Authority **covered persons** (as defined in Guideline #1 below) must be:*

- *fully vaccinated: or*
- *have an approved medical or Human Rights exemption: or*
- *complete saliva PCR testing with a negative result twice weekly, 48 hours and no more than 72 hours apart.*

*As of October 15, 2021, all Bloorview School Authority **covered persons** (as defined in Guideline #1 below) must be fully vaccinated or have an approved medical or Human Rights exemption.*

And that Guideline #1 be amended to read as follows:

- 1) *This immunization disclosure policy applies to the following **covered persons**:*
- *All school board employees/staff, including daily and long-term occasional teachers and casual education workers;*
 - *School board trustees*
 - *Student transportation drivers;*
 - *Students on educational placement, including professional services students on a placement/work-integrated learning visit (e.g., teacher candidate practicums, nurse, psychologist, behavioural therapist, speech-language pathologist, etc.);*
 - *Volunteers;*
 - *Those who provide professional services to children at school;*
 - *Frequent visitors, including third-party contractors.*

-AMENDMENT CARRIED-

AMENDMENT #2: Hochman/Huang

That guideline #2 be amended to read as follows:

- 2) *Any person failing to comply with this policy will not be allowed entry into the school on a temporary or permanent basis or other consequences, which may include termination.*

-AMENDMENT CARRIED-

MOTION: Volpe/Collins

That the Board approve the new policy HR 006 – COVID 19 Vaccination Policy as amended.

-MOTION CARRIED -

- 5. **TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES-** none
- 6. **NEXT MEETING** - September 28, 2021
- 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Collins/Volpe

That the Special Public Meeting be adjourned at 8:09PM

- MOTION CARRIED -