



## MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting  
May 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Room 4E-100

<u>Trustees:</u>	Rachee Allen, Kevin Collins, Terry Coulthard, Rick Volpe, Marvin Zuker
<u>Staff:</u>	Michael O’Keefe, Director; Linda Ward, Principal; Sonja Litner, Vice Principal; Terry Jakobsmeier
<u>Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital:</u>	Julia Hanigsberg, CEO Lynda Torneck
<u>Guests:</u>	Heather Fairley, Teacher; Linda Trimble, Educational Assistant; Amanda Anderson, CRT
<u>Regrets:</u>	Mike Wallace, TARO
<u>Recorder:</u>	Danielle Kennedy
<u>Presiding:</u>	Rachee Allen, Chair

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### **PRESENTATION – Family Math – Amanda Anderson, CRT**

Linda Ward welcomed Amanda Anderson, CRT, who coordinated a Family Math Presentation for Friday, May 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

This year as part of our goal of engaging families, a family math afternoon has been planned. All students are attending. Invitations were sent to their families and siblings to participate as well. A number of math games and activities to support numeracy in the home have been planned, as well as a take-home bag which includes fun games and exercises to complete at home as a family. The supplies required to complete the activities have also been provided. A special thank you goes to Cori Umetsu who assisted with the creation of some of the games and activities; as well as the 8 volunteers coming from the Centre to assist for the afternoon. Trustees were invited to attend, if available.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rachee Allen called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### **2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

##### **2.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Public Meeting of May 9, 2016.**

A consent agenda was discussed briefly at this time however it was determined that for this meeting the motions would be dealt with by vote.

Two changes were recommended for the agenda.

- Inclusion of the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on April 21, 2016 (distributed)
- Move Item # 8 (Finance) to Item #4

**MOTION: Coulthard/Zuker**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Special board meeting of April 21, 2016 be included on the agenda and that Item #8 (Finance) be moved to Item #4 on the agenda.

– Carried –

**MOTION: Coulthard/Zuker**

**THAT** the agenda for the Public Meeting of May 9, 2016 be approved with as amended.

– Carried –

**2.2 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of March 10, 2016.**

**MOTION: Coulthard/Volpe**

**THAT** the minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting held on March 10, 2016, be approved as presented.

– Carried –

**2.3 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of April 21, 2016.**

**MOTION: Coulthard/Zuker**

**THAT** the minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting held on April 21, 2016, be approved as presented.

– Carried –

**3. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. FINANCE (K.Collins)**

**4.1 Financial Position**

E. Dininio reviewed the Statement of Financial position with the board.

**4.2 Statement of Operations**

E. Dininio reviewed the Statement of Operations report with the board reporting that the surplus at February 28,2016 was approximately \$386,000.

The Hospital shared 50% percent of the cost of the Influenza arbitration fees. The Board received \$26,000 which covered both the prior year and the current year.

A discussion ensued with regards to Professional Fees, Legal Fees and clarity was provided on OSBIE, Copy & Rental Fees, and the IEP amount.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

## 6. HOLLAND BLOORVIEW UPDATE (J. Hanigsberg)

J. Hanigsberg reported on the following:

- Census Review – Currently operating Rehabilitation Inpatient at 119% capacity. Sometimes changes are foreseeable, sometimes not. It's unpredictable in the acquired brain injury unit. From a family perspective things are running smoothly.
- It's National Nursing week this week – celebrations regarding the work of nurses are taking place!
- Government release of funding of autism treatment - highly controversial. With no advance notice, the hospital is doing its best to respond to families and referring them back to the ministry where applicable. The wait list is being reviewed to see if tri-age can be done any differently to provide support.
- The hospital received a visit from CEO of Toronto Central Local Health Network regarding a new response initiative for home care and CCAC. Trustees were provided with a review of the initiative and also had the opportunity to share with the LHIN CEO an outline of HBKRH and BSA's uniqueness.
- Planning Research Engagement - in consultation with the school the hospital aligns its research to best support the Strategic Plan. The hospital is finishing the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 5 year plan. As preparations are underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> year, opportunities will be sought to focus on those initiatives.

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (L. Ward)

L. Ward reported on the following:

#### Students:

- New IET referrals 57 accepted 23. Registration starts May 10<sup>th</sup>. There were a few questions, concerns and disappointed families as there were more applicants than available spots. Staff are trying to deal with the concerns and reflect on the process to make information clearer
- Finished almost all 'Transition Meetings' – visits from receiving schools have begun.
- links to SEA claims have been concluded
- Assessments completed
- Now completing 'Class Profile' meetings with JK/SK teachers
- review are underway regarding student progress
- recommendations for next year are being developed

#### Events/Activities:

- Grade 1 Reunion – over 70 people will attend
- Get Moving for Heart - lots of activities and everyone worked well together
- Hot Docs Film Festival with NFB
- Graduation plans are underway

#### Parents:

- Plans underway for the end of year picnic
- School Council rep on Playground Committee – ongoing and will follow up with reps from HBKRH
- School Council rep attended: the Summit for Children and Youth Mental Health in April
- Next meeting - Monday night May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

#### Staff:

- Welcomed Vivian to Resource Class (LTO)
- Postings for secondments in September on 'Direct Line' in TDSB

- A number of teachers have attended PD sessions at Trillium Demonstration School
- Lunch and Learns – focus on technology
- Specific training for new Promethean Boards for classroom teams
- April 15<sup>th</sup> PD – CPI training for all staff
- Teachers visited Sunnyview – Assistive Tech focus
- Interviewed and added 4 teachers to our supply list
- Finishing TPAs for teachers

**Partners:**

- Praxis – already shared newspaper clippings, received electronic copy
- Rick Hansen School Program – will be coming to do another Lunch & Learn (very successful)
- OISE Special Ed AQ course visit, great opportunity to extend learning hands-on

**HBKRH:**

- reviewing emergency procedures / codes/ pandemic planning - ongoing

**Community:**

- Heather Margach featured in a Canada AM presentation,
- high #s in BIRT program
- celebrated our Volunteers– classroom recognition and HBKRH reception
- Linda visited Grandview Section 68 school

**Upcoming:**

- meeting with ETFO
- Grandview Section 68 staff coming here (planning for their new building – what works/does not work with our design)
- Family Math
- Ministry Initiatives: Math and Kindergarten (assessment) – new curriculum for K DGN implementation for September
- awaiting School Year Calendar approval

**Follow Up:**

- Policy committee: other Section 68 schools regarding SEAC and PIC.
- The Special Education Plan will be shared at the next meeting

**From the HBKRH report:**

Bloorview School Authority is honoured that the work of our young students will be featured at the Ontario College of Teachers in May. The children have been actively engaged in a photography unit that has provided them the opportunity to make connections between their own experiences and works of art. A variety of interconnected skills, particularly in the subjects of Media Literacy and Visual Art, were stressed in this project.

Through focused and joyful exploration, first with frames and then a camera the children gained confidence and discovered new ways to look at things. They also learned how works of art can communicate ideas. In their final photographs the children demonstrated their knowledge of design and form. Throughout the process the children have reflected, developed ideas, made choices, and demonstrated a keen awareness of their environment.

The focus of the exhibition and this learning experience are everyday objects. What is unique is the child's point of view looking out at their world as captured in dramatic black and white photographs.

An expectation of the Ontario Arts curriculum is that primary children "begin to explore art in the world around them, to understand that people all over the world create and enjoy art, and to develop the ability to communicate about their immediate environment and interests through visual images". This exhibition of photographs highlights the children's success at meeting these expectations, captures their sense of creative empowerment and celebrates their learning!

**Bus Issues:**

- There is a potential for a bus strike but it will impact only 1 student and a back up plan is in place.
- We continue to have ongoing bussing concerns with frequent driver changes, this is common across the system
- The Consortium coordinates bussing. There are 5 – 7 bus companies involved.
- Police Checks are the responsibility of the TDSB through the consortium and school boards

**BIRT Program:**

- There is currently a surge in the BIRT Program – Resource-Complex Needs
- 3 students have CYWs, there are students with behavior needs who have safety plans
- 1 student has a personal support worker, part of the safety strategy plan is to start the day in the gym.

**Art Show:**

- Some of our students work will be displayed at the Ontario Museum of Art

**Special Education Plan:**

- Currently reviewing the plan, what's current, changes, some programs are together and some are separated
- The Special Education Plan will be shared at the next meeting

**7.2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. O'Keefe)**

M. O'Keefe reported on the following:

- Rick Hanson – attended one of his presentations which was exceptional - had the opportunity to speak with Rick, discussed our school with him and the possibility of having him come for a visit.
- Current Policy Binders and Bylaws were handed out to trustees. These will be kept updated and trustees will be provided with revisions.
- The Ontario Well-Being Strategy for Education was distributed. This has not been reviewed in detail yet, however it contains very little about pedagogy and ways of working with students.
- The 2016/2017 School year Calendar has been approved
- The CUPE contract has been ratified on both sides–meeting with CUPE on April 22, 2016 to follow up
- Annual Section 68 meeting – Trustees were asked to let the Director know if they are now available and/or interested in attending.
- The Trustees would like to host a staff thank you event and have an opportunity to meet staff. Looking for potential dates - June 7<sup>th</sup> is a possibility – Rachee indicated either hosting a luncheon or a tea. Linda Ward will follow up and report back to the board.
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## **8. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Board ByLaws**

M. O'Keefe provided the board with a summary of the recommendations from the policy committee.

#### **MOTION: Volpe/Coulthard**

**THAT** the recommendations included in the report be approved as presented.

**– Carried –**

### **8.2 Strategic Planning Review**

This report was provided for the information of the board.

R. Allen reported that The Board is still awaiting a response from the Ministry regarding the appointment of the new Trustees. She would like to include them and introduce them at an upcoming event, suggested a Town Hall meeting and a School Council Meeting. A discussion ensued regarding different surveying tools and methods of obtaining input from all stakeholders, ex. School Climate Surveys, Doodle surveys, ideas from teachers and students. Linda Ward to follow up with the 6 school council members to explore ideas and dates; and will report back to the board.

### **8.3 Concussion Policy**

#### **MOTION: Volpe/Coulthard**

**THAT** the Bloorview School Authority board approve the revised Concussion Policy as presented.

**– Carried –**

## **9. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

There were no trustee enquires.

## **10. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

There were no items to report.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

## **12. NEXT MEETINGS**

June 7, 2016, time to be determined

July 5, 2016, time to be determined

## **13. IN CAMERA**

#### **MOTION: Coulthard/Collins**

**THAT** the board move to the In Camera Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**– Carried –**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION: Coulthard/Collins**

**THAT** the Public Meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.  
– **Carried** –