#### Brimwood Boulevard Junior Public School

Thursday, April 27, 2023 Via zoom

**Board Attendance**: Etienne Mercieca (Principal), Sana Khan (Chair), Nancy Mann (Secretary), Dharshika Pathmanathan (Teacher) Online Participants: Monica Nair, Kepline Maceus, Wjeehunnisa, Monique, Alicia

Meeting Commencement: 4:05 pm

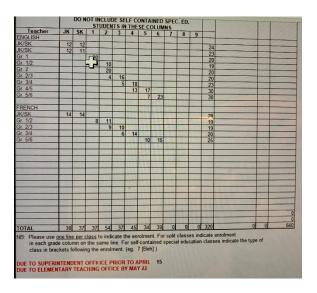
Introductions

# **<u>1. Principal Updates</u>**

**Etienne Mercieca** 

#### Staffing Process

- Multi-step process that begins in the Spring and continues through until September
- The staffing model may change by year-end through September



- Teachers have been given tentative assignments, though this may change
- Teachers will send a welcome email to families a few days before the start of the school year
- Even then, reorganization may occur after the TDSB does a census in September

#### > X-movement Family Night

- Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30pm
- One hour continuous session
- This will be held outdoors, with the gym as a back-up for inclement weather

#### > EQAO

- Testing will start after Victoria Day Weekend and be completed Thursday, June 1st

## Upcoming Events

- Grade 6 Farewell: Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Kindergarten celebration: Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in the courtyard, alternately in the classrooms if inclement weather
- May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, Sir Alexander McKenzie open house for Grade 6 French Immersion students

### > Safety Concerns

- Albert Campbell went into lockdown last Friday
- Student from Albert Campbell threatened another Albert Campbell student (at Woodside Square); the threatened student observed a weapon
- Suspect was apprehended prior to the police needing to contact us
- We take cues from the Toronto Police
- Brimwood students who were outside were taken in; no classes went outside
- After all-clear we carried on with the day
- We have performed lockdown drills in case of a future need
- Wajeehunnisa Shares
  - Her son is a student at Brimwood, in Mr. Stephan's class, and she has a daughter in Grade 5 at another school
  - The past month was Ramadan, a holy month for Muslims
  - Her daughter decided to wear a hijab to school and a fellow Grade 5 student called her a "bomber"
  - Wajeehunnisa and other Muslims were harassed in the Goldhawk library; the man made many hateful Islaamaphobic remarks
  - Her husband's place of worship, the mosque, was attacked
  - Teachers and parents need to have open conversations and the dangers of believing false propaganda about Muslims
  - Wajeehunnisa is grateful for the presentations recently at Brimwood celebrating and informing students about Islamic culture
  - TDSB has voted to develop a strategy to combat Islamophobia
  - NCCM has reached out to Wajeehunnisa and to the library to see if these public places could have a strategy/protocol for when these types of incidents happen
- Sana Khan, Board Chair
  - Sana works for Scarborough City Hall; she will bring this up with the local library manager in City Hall and have them look into a protocol for such harassment situations in city libraries

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 23rd, 4:30pm in-person