

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

1. Principal Updates

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

DO NOT INCLUDE SELF-CONTAINED SPEC. ED. STUDENTS IN THESE COLUMNS											
Teacher	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ENGLISH											
JK/SK	12	12									24
JK/SK	12	11									23
Gr 1											20
Gr 1/2				10							19
Gr 2				20							20
Gr 2/3				4	16						20
Gr 3/4					5	18					23
Gr 4/5						13	17				30
Gr 5/6							7	23			30
FRENCH											
JK/SK	14	14									28
Gr 1/2				8	11						19
Gr 2/3					9	10					19
Gr 3/4					6	14					20
Gr 5/6							10	15			25
TOTAL	38	37	37	54	37	45	34	38	0	0	320

NB: Please use one line per class to indicate the enrolment. For split classes indicate enrolment in each grade column on the same line. For self-contained special education classes indicate the type of class in brackets following the enrolment. (eg. 7 [Beh])

DUE TO SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE PRIOR TO APRIL 15
DUE TO ELEMENTARY TEACHING OFFICE BY MAY 22

- 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 9th, 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 22nd
- Kindergarten celebration: Friday, June 23rd in the courtyard, alternately in the classrooms if inclement weather
- May 17th 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 Islamophobic 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