

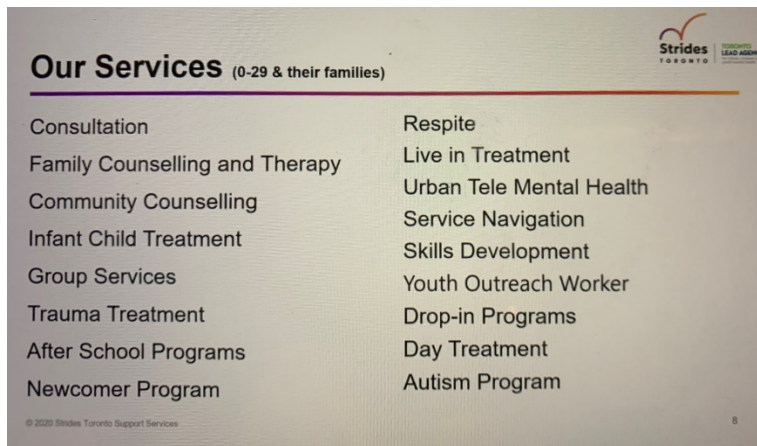
**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**  
**4pm via zoom**

Board Attendance: Etienne Mercieca, Sana Khan, Nancy Mann  
6 parents and 2 teachers

Welcome message from Sana Khan, Chair

**Strides Toronto Presentation**

Cathy Walsh & Rizwan Jehee



**Strides**

- Work with families to navigate the mental health system
- Multiple offices across Scarborough and North York
- Lead agency for child & youth mental health across Toronto; work with 25 core agencies across Toronto
- Strides Toronto is for ages 0-21 years old
- User-friendly website: <https://stridestoronto.ca>

**Help Ahead**

- Central access for children, youth and parents ([www.helpahead.ca](http://www.helpahead.ca), call 1-866-585-6486, open 9-7 Monday to Saturday)
- No concern is too small (anxiety, depression, difficulty concentrating, etc)
- Help Ahead will connect the child/youth/family to the appropriate services





**Help Ahead**

If you are under 18 and feel overwhelmed or are facing challenges in your life, call to chat with us. No issue is too big or too small. Our service is FREE and we are here to help connect you with the right support.

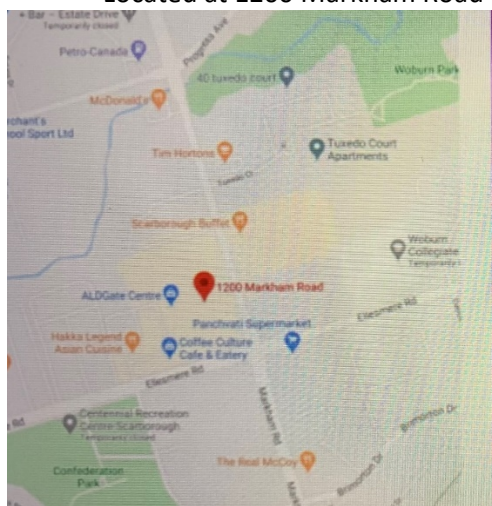
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### What's Up Walk-in Clinic

- Call Help Ahead and then you will be connected with What's Up Walk-in Clinic (Scarborough office and offices across the city- virtual and in-person)
- For those 0-18 years and their families
- Supportive counselling, case coordination, resource matching, professional consultation

### Youth Engagement Program

- Located at 1200 Markham Road



### Youth Engagement Programs (1200 Markham Road)

- The Zone Youth Space (12-24)
- Youth Outreach Worker (12-24)
- Newcomer Youth Engagement (12-21)
- Multimedia / Photography
- City of Toronto Program
- New Mentality group
- Volunteer readiness program
- Youth Council
- Respect in School everywhere RISE
- The zone mart

### Principal Update

Etienne Mercieca

- Tribal Vision Dance: Indigenous storytellers performed for the full school; Indigenous creation story; learning guide came with the presentation and the classes have worked on related projects
- Bilingual African Drumming presentation will happen in May; education guide will come with this as well, to tie into the curriculum

## **Staffing**

- In the next couple of weeks we will be consulting on staffing
- Brimwood staffing allocation will be reduced for next year, for teachers and support staff; this should not impact class caps; special education and resource support will be reduced, as well as staff prep; there may be fewer teachers for music or physical education; we're still waiting to hear from the board about our librarian allocation
- Currently 328 students and projected enrollment is 325; the staff reduction is as a result of budget cuts
- At our next meeting the staffing model will be presented

## **Snack Program**

- Mr. Mercieca met with the coordinator and we can do an 'unfunded program', which means we could start our own program now; for the remainder of the year we can get a limited supply of nutritional food items any time students want or ask, then we can get a sense of the want/need
- What we would need for a full program is a commercial fridge (about 5 thousand dollars), prep tables and volunteers
- At the beginning of the day, a small group of volunteers (maybe 2 parents) would prep the snacks and prepare the food in the bins for each class to be delivered around 9am (grade 6 students could help with delivery) so students could have the snack inside before they go outside for recess
- We could potentially use the pizza lunch money (average \$150 per lunch) for the commercial fridge; we still have just over \$4,000 of pizza lunch money currently and will continue to collect for the pizza lunch the rest of the year; we could use our conference room for the fridge and the prep space
- During our next council meeting, the representative for the snack program will come in to speak to the council about the snack program

-Spring Concert date: May 18<sup>th</sup>, two 45 minute sessions for the concert

-We will ask X-Movement for the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> for family evening

-Health curriculum letters through e-mail will be coming out soon, 20 days before the health curriculum will be taught in class; online the curriculum is available, regarding what will be discussed (in split grades the curriculum will be taught separately)

-Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> there will be farewell celebration/ceremony

-There will be 'orientation' for the various middle schools; information and dates TBA

## **Questions and Comments**

-How can parents support the school in regards to the budget cuts?

Contacting elected officials doesn't hurt, to let the elected officials know how this is impacting the students/families

-How many feeder schools come to Brimwood Elementary? 4

-Grade 6 EQOA dates: administration window is May 10-June 14; school will communicate the dates and times to the parents; the grade 3 French students will only do the Math component in French

**Next meeting:** April 25<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, through zoom