

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2018 October 2
6:08 p.m. –7:00 p.m.

Members: Trustees J. Bennett, R. Campbell, P. Jaffe, B. McKinnon, S. Polhill, M. Reid, P. Schuyler, R. Tisdale; Student Trustee S. Chan

Regrets: Trustees G. Hart, A. Morell, J. Todd, J. Skinner, C. Goodall; Student Trustees N. Bajaj, I. Frick

Administration: L. Elliott (Director), R. Culhane (Associate Director), P. McKenzie (Superintendent), D. Macpherson (Superintendent), M. Deman (Superintendent), S. Builder (Superintendent), J. Pratt (Associate Director)(+6:42), B. Nielsen (Learning Supervisor), A. Hansen (Learning Coordinator), C. Henriquez (Manager, Capital Projects) (+6:45), B. Williams (Corporate Services), S. Smith (Corporate Services)

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Board room of the Education Center.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The agenda was approved on motion.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None declared.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 2018 June 5 meeting were provided for information.

4. BUSINESS ARISING – None declared.

5. TVDSB AND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHEMATICS

S. Builder shared an overview on the Ministry of Education's focus on New Fundamentals of Mathematics and the work in TVDSB. Information on how the professional Learning Series in 2017-18 aligns with the Fundamental of Mathematics was provided.

S. Builder reported the Professional Activity Day will take place for Elementary staff on 2018 October 26 and for Secondary staff on 2018 November 16.

Questions of clarification regarding the gap between public perception and curriculum expectations were addressed by S. Builder.

6. DRAFT HPE PARENT AND STAFF COMMUNICATION

P. McKenzie, B. Nielson and A. Hansen presented information on the material prepared for school staff and parent communities about the revised interim Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum for 2018. P. McKenzie reported the material is being shared with parents 2018 October 5.

B. Nielsen noted a question and answer section has been included to support administration with parent/guardian questions. In response to a question regarding accommodation, administration provided examples of how they may be done.

In response to a Trustee question regarding the letter to parents/guardians, B. Nielsen and A. Hansen described the support materials for schools and how support materials are being provided to teachers. It was confirmed changes in the curriculum affected only the Growth and Development portion.

P. McKenzie outlined next steps, noting feedback will be gathered from educators to determine where additional supports/resources may be needed.

In response to a Trustee question B. Nielsen acknowledged teachers may enhance topic areas to meet student learning needs.

7. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES (STANDING ITEM)

J. Bennett reported on the City of London Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee reminding Trustees of the decision by the London Fire Department to teach only students attending London Schools at the Safety Village. She further reported on a similar decision by the London Police. Efforts to engage fire prevention officers in the counties of Middlesex, Elgin and Oxford were described. Currently there are no officers available from the counties to teach at the Safety Village. The lack of student attendance at the Safety Village in September was noted.

B. McKinnon provided an update on meetings in Woodstock noting the new bylaw regarding speed limits and stopping in front of schools has been well received.

8. OTHER BUSINESS-None.

9. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS (STANDING ITEM)-None.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on motion at 7:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

JOYCE BENNETT
Chairperson