

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

**November 27, 2018, 7:02 P.M.
Board Room, Education Centre**

TRUSTEES

M. Reid (Chair)	J. Todd
J. Bennett	B. McKinnon
R. Campbell (-9:45)	A. Morell
C. Goodall	S. Polhill
G. Hart	P. Schuyler
P. Jaffe	J. Skinner
I. Frick	R. Tisdale
N. Bajaj	

REGRETS

S. Chun

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

L. Elliott	P. Skinner
S. Mark	P. McKenzie
J. Pratt	S. Powell
S. Builder	P. Sydor
A. Canham	T. Testa
R. Culhane	A. Chahbar
M. Deman	B. Williams
K. Edgar	C. Henriquez (-10:42)
R. Kuiper	C. Glaser
D. Macpherson	H. Gerrits (-10:42)
C. Beal	D. Kettle (-10:42)
L. Nicholls	S. Smith
J. Ammendolia (+7:23)	
(-9:33)	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair M. Reid called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

2. O CANADA

Victoria Public School sang O Canada.

3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION- Victoria P.S.

The appreciation of the Board was extended to Victoria P.S. for their performance and to Laurie Khawaja and Monica Sass for leading in the singing two musical selections.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion of Trustee C. Goodall, seconded by Trustee P. Jaffe.

5. OFFICIAL RECORD

B. Williams, Supervisor, Corporate Services, read the following official record into the minutes:

We regret to record the death of Keci Fox on October 27. Keci was a Student at Sir Isaac Brock Public School.

We regret to record the death of Taliyah Roberts-Nicholas on November 12. Taliyah was a Student at Aberdeen Public School.

We regret to record the death of Tyler Arts on November 14. Tyler was a Student at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute.

6. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

7. CHAIR'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

In a video address Chair Reid extended appreciation to the Board of Trustees and Administration for their work noting the impact they have had on implementing changes across the Thames Valley District School Board. Chair Reid expressed gratitude for the effort and countless hours invested by the Trustees to improve the education system for staff and students. Successes achieved over the last four years were highlighted.

Moved by J. Todd

Seconded by A. Morell

THAT Chair Reid's Valedictory Address be spread upon the minutes.

CARRIED

Matt Reid, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Valedictory Address

November 28, 2018

As the term of our Board of Trustees comes to an end, it's my privilege to deliver my final address as Chair of the Thames Valley District School Board.

As I reflect on the last 4 years, I am filled with appreciation to our teachers and staff and have hope for what the future holds for our school board. Public Education continues to be a pillar of Canadian society that changes lives, and it is the greatest legacy that we can leave our children.

Over the last 4 years, our Trustees have been prudent stewards of our school board's \$3.8 billion dollars. We have made strategic investments in technology, musical instruments, STEM and so much more. Whether it was managing the \$250 million in school renewal at our 160 schools, building and renovating new schools throughout the Valley, or partaking in long debates over the prospect of having to close a school, our Trustees have had to make difficult decisions with our sole focus always being on our 78,000 students.

Our Board of Trustees have given so much of themselves over the last 4 years. I would like to thank them for their sacrifices that they have made for the betterment of our students. The long hours that take them away from their families are often thankless but wherever I go in our school system I can see the impact they have made on our students and staff. I hope those that are not returning to our board are able to find joy in knowing they have made a difference and have helped shape our public education system for the better.

Our board passed a new strategic plan this past year, one that focuses on 1) building positive relationships, 2) promoting equity and diversity and 3) improving student achievement and well-being. This plan will continue to be the foundation for the work we do at the Thames Valley District School Board. This plan will be a legacy for generations to come and will cause a ripple effect throughout our communities. I for one look forward to the new and innovative ways our administration and future trustees help bring this document to life and help us achieve our mission of building each students tomorrow, everyday.

To our new Trustees that begin their 4 year term, you now have the privilege of becoming the guardians of public education. The future will be filled with challenges and there may be more scarce resources that you have to stretch further than you thought possible. But if you continue to focus on what is important - which is always our students - then you will be able to shape the lives of those around you in ways you never thought possible. You have an outstanding senior administration team that will support you along the way and past Trustees that will always be willing to answer your calls. I wish you the best of luck as you take on your new roles.

I am so passionate about public education because I know firsthand the impact it can have on someone's life. Being raised in a single parent home with family members who suffered from addictions and mental health concerns, I often wondered what the future would hold for me. It was my teachers that helped shape me and were the positive role models I so desperately needed.

My story is not unique in our district, and our teachers are continuing to change thousands of lives each year. On behalf of our board, but also as a former student of this great board, i want to thank our staff for all that you do. You may never know the impact you are truly having on our students but i assure you our country will be better off in the future for your efforts.

To our students I want to say that public education is one of the greatest gifts you can receive. In our world where 700 million people cannot read or write, you've been given something that children have to fight for. Don't take it for granted and know that your futures are bright. I know that the only limit to your potential is your ability to dream. You can achieve anything you set your sights on and change the world for the better.

As I reflect on the last 4 years, what I am most proud of is the way our board has embraced our diversity in all its forms. Our school board has been a leader in this country when we implemented the first ever indigenous student trustee who attends our board meetings. She makes sure our indigenous communities have their voice heard loud and clear and helps us on our path towards Truth and Reconciliation.

We showed the world how much we care when we created the GENTLE centre that saw almost 500 Syrian newcomers be welcomed to our board with open arms. These students, who had to leave a war torn country behind have brought such a vibrant and unique cultural background that has benefitted all of our students. These students help us understand just how lucky we are to be Canadian and I want to thank them and all of our international students for opening our eyes to the world around us.

Lastly I want to say to our LGBTQ community, both students and staff that I hope you will always understand that you belong and are supported in our school board. A lot has been written over the years of me being the first gay chair, but it is really our culture at our school board that is helping to give our students' a place where they belong. It was this school culture that caused us to fly the Pride flag at every school in our board last year and I hope you will understand that symbols like these are simply an articulation of our deep desire to support you and every student. I know there continues to be more work we need to do in this world to create a society where everyone feels supported and I would challenge everyone to continue to be kind and support each other. I hope our LGBTQ community is proud of all that we have accomplished together, but know that whoever takes over from me will continue to support all of our students into the future.

I want to thank all of you for making my years as Chair of this board one of the most challenging and best experience of my life. Fulfilling this role has been a childhood dream since I was elected a Student Trustee 15 years ago. I could not have asked for a better board or administration to work with. While I am retiring from our board, I know the future is brighter than ever for our students.

8. RECOGNITIONS - High School Project (HSP)

S. Lanthier thanked the Board for their support with the High School Project. She introduced H. Gowan who outlined HSP, noting the positive way HSP has impacted him.

S. Lanthier noted students develop life skills beyond theatrical ones from participating in HSP, these were highlighted. S. Lanthier introduced S. Dennison, a HSP student who performed an accapella solo of Mother Mary for the Board.

9. TRUSTEE APPRECIATION

The outgoing Trustees and Chair Reid were thanked for their years of service and dedication to the TVDSB. Members of the Board extended their appreciation for their passion noting the impact they have had on the TVDSB.

10. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

L. Elliott extended sincere appreciation to the trustees for their work over the last four years; outgoing Trustees were recognized and thanked.

L. Elliott recognized the Pillar Award Nominees: In the Community Innovation category; School Within a School and The Hundred Schools Project (with the Grand Theater).

L. Elliott recognized the Pillar Award Winner Mustafah Madlol, from Oakridge Secondary School. Mustafah Madlol won in the Community Leadership category logging over eight-hundred hours of community service.

L. Elliott recognized P. McKenzie for his accomplishments during his tenure with TVDSB as he is retiring in 2019 January.

P. McKenzie thanked the Trustees and acknowledged their selfless service. He offered his gratitude to the Board and Administration for their support, shared experiences and inspiration.

11. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

12. MINUTES OF THE 2018 OCTOBER 23 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE 2018 NOVEMBER 13 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 2018 October 23 and Special Board Meeting of 2018 November 13 were adopted on motion of Trustee Jaffe, and seconded by Trustee Tisdale and CARRIED.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

On motion of Trustee Skinner, seconded by Trustee Todd, the meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m. reconvening at 8:48 p.m.

13. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

a. Student Advisory Council, 2018 November 7

N. Bajaj reported on the Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting and Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) fall general meeting where S. Chun presented on the Free the Flow Project. She also thanked the outgoing Trustees for their mentorship.

I. Frick reported on plans for National Indigenous People Day taking place 2019 June 21 and thanked the outgoing Trustees for the impact they have made on the lives of the students of Thames Valley.

14. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. 2018 Western Middlesex Attendance Area Review

S. Mark presented for information the 2018 Western Middlesex Attendance Area Review.

S. Mark outlined the timeline, communication regarding the initiative, the 2018 Initial Report, Draft Elementary Study Areas and TVDSB Middlesex Study Area Accommodation Options. This information was provided to the Trustees in their packages prior to the meeting. S. Mark introduced J. Ammendolia from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

J. Ammendolia presented identified options for the Middlesex Attendance Review Area, to be used as part of the consultation process.

Discussion occurred and questions of clarification were answered by J. Ammendolia and L. Elliott.

b. 2018 Annual Planning Report

S. Mark presented for approval the 2018 Annual Planning Report. S. Mark reviewed the schools to be approved for potential facility collaborations. The locations for proposed

capital construction projects and potential co-builds were also reviewed.

S. Mark and D. Kettle outlined factors impacting enrollment. Collaboration opportunities and renovation projects were highlighted.

Questions of clarification were answered by S. Mark, J. Pratt and C. Henriquez.

Moved by R. Tisdale

Seconded by J. Todd

THAT Aberdeen Public School, Ealing Public School, Knollwood Public School, Nicholas Wilson Public School, Trafalgar Public School, Arthur Voaden Secondary School, Clarke Road Secondary School, B. Davison Secondary School, Glencoe District High School, Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, Montcalm Secondary School, North Middlesex District High School, West Elgin Secondary School and Westminster Secondary School be approved for potential facility collaborations.

THAT the following proposed capital construction projects for potential co-build opportunities and facility collaboration: Belmont (new Elementary School), London Southwest (new Elementary School), St. Thomas Southeast (new Elementary School) and (Springbank Public School(addition and renovation) be approved.

CARRIED

c. Secondary School, Out of Area Attendance

D. Macpherson presented for information the need to address capacity issues at three secondary schools for the 2019-20 school year. Plans to not accept out of area students for grades 10-12 were described.

Questions of clarification were answered by D. Macpherson.

15. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2018 October 16

Trustee Schuyler referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to the Trustees in advance of the meeting.

Revisions to the terms of reference were provide to the committee for approval.

Moved by P. Schuyler

Seconded by J. Bennett

THAT the proposed amendments to the First Nations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

DEFERRED

On motion of R. Tisdale, seconded by J. Skinner the approval of the terms of reference were deferred to the 2019 January 22 Board Meeting. There were a number of edits required to the document.

A motion to sit until 11:30 p.m. was moved by Trustee A. Morell, seconded by Trustee C. Goodall and CARRIED.

b. Policy Working Committee, 2018 October 23

Trustee Morell referred to the written report of the Policy Working Committee provided to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Revised procedures approved by the Committee were provided for information.

Moved by A. Morell

Seconded by R. Tisdale

THAT the revised School Rededications, Opening and Closure policy (#2007) be approved.

CARRIED

c. Chair's Committee, 2018 October 30

Trustee Morell referred to the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in their agenda package.

Moved by A. Morell

Seconded by C. Goodall

THAT Trustee C. Goodall be reappointed to the Chairs Committee.

CARRIED

d. Program and School Services Advisory Committee, 2018 November 6

Trustee Bennett highlighted items from the written report of the Program and School Services Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package. There were no recommendations.

e. Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee, 2018 November 8

Trustee Tisdale highlighted items from the written report of the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package.

Moved by R. Tisdale

Seconded by S. Polhill

THAT the TVDSB Board of Trustees compose a joint letter with the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee to the Ministry of Education regarding the pause on the Reaching Out Grants.

CARRIED

f. Special Education Advisory Committee, 2018 November 12

Trustee Goodall referred to the written report of the Special Education Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2018 November 12; highlights of the meeting were shared. There were no recommendations.

g. Audit Committee, 2018 November 13

Trustee Tisdale highlighted items from the written report of the Audit Committee provided to Trustees in advance of the meeting.

C. Beal provided information about the audited financial statements and accumulated surplus.

Moved by A. Morell

Seconded by R. Tisdale

THAT the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements be approved.

THAT the 2017-2018 internal appropriations of accumulated surplus of \$23,680,833 and \$950,994 for Thames Valley Education Foundation as outlined in Chart 1 (See Audit-2), be approved.

CARRIED

h. Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee, 2018 November 13

Trustee Goodall highlighted items from the written report of the Program and School Services Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

Discussion considered the delays in Ministry approvals for capital projects.

Moved by P. Jaffe

Seconded by R. Tisdale

THAT the Chair write the Ministry expressing the significant concerns of Trustees regarding delays in capital project approvals highlighting the significant investment of resources, adherence to ministry process, and the impact the delay is having on communities.

CARRIED

i. Chair's Committee, 2018 November 20

Trustee Morell highlighted items from the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package. There were no recommendations.

j. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2018 November 20

Trustee Schuyler referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. There were no recommendations.

k. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2018 November 27

Trustee Morell reported the Committee of the Whole met In-Camera from 5:00 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. The committee discussed confidential legal and personal matters.

Moved by A. Morell

Seconded by S. Polhill

That the motions at the In-Camera session of 2018 November 27 related to personal and legal matters be approved.

THAT the following individuals be appointed as members of the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee:

Lori Martinez (Parent Member for a 1 year term, representing London wards 1, 11, 12, and 14).

Laura Gonzalez (Parent Member for a 2 year term, representing London wards 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6).

Sarah Thomson (Parent Member for a 2 year term, representing London wards 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13).

Theresa Whaley (Community Member for a 1 year term representing Thames Valley Home and School Associations).

CARRIED**16. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES****a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)**

It was noted the next meeting of OPSBA is 2018 December 8. It was also noted the Public Education Symposium (PES) will be held 2019 January 24-25, the Student Trustees are waiting for clarification from the Ministry regarding the coverage of the registration fees.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

R. Tisdale reported on TVEF donations for the last year. Toonie Tuesday is scheduled for 2018 February 12 to raise funds for the Caring Fund.

17. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION

That the AED Policy be referred to the Policy Working Committee to review the funding structure for the purchase and maintenance of AEDs in schools.

19. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

20. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None.

21. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

J. Bennett and S. Polhill attended a Time of Peace musical performance at H.B Beal Secondary School. The performers will be singing at the 2018 December 3 Inaugural Meeting of City Council, London.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee J. Todd and Trustee P. Jaffe, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Chairperson