

# THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## REGULAR MEETING

**December 18, 2018, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Board Room, Education Centre**

### TRUSTEES

A. Morell (Chair)  
 J. Bennett  
 L. Pizzolato  
 M. Ruddock  
 B. Yeoman  
 C. Rahman  
 I. Frick  
 S. Chun

S. Hunt  
 B. McKinnon  
 P. Cuddy  
 S. Polhill  
 B. Smith  
 J. Skinner

### REGRETS

N. Bajaj

### ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

L. Elliott	P. Skinner
S. Mark	M. Moynihan (+7:24)
J. Pratt	S. Powell
S. Builder	P. Sydor
A. Canham	T. Testa
R. Culhane	A. Chahbar
K. Edgar	L. Griffith-Jones
D. Macpherson	S. Mark
C. Beal	B. Williams
L. Nicholls	S. Smith
J. Capaldi (-7:33)	

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Morell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

**2. O CANADA**

Hillcrest P.S. opened the meeting with the playing of O Canada.

**3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION- Hillcrest P.S**

The appreciation of the Board was extended to Hillcrest P.S. for their performance and to Jodie Olver for leading in performing two musical selections.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by motion by Trustee Rahman, seconded by Trustee Hunt.

**5. OFFICIAL RECORD**

None.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TRUSTEE**

Oneida Nation of the Thames Chief and Council appointed Carol Antone to fulfil the duties of the First Nations Trustee with the TVDSB.

**Moved by** J. Bennett

**Seconded by** P. Cuddy

THAT the appointment of Carol Antone, First Nations Trustee, to the Thames Valley District School Board be approved.

**CARRIED**

**7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**9. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Elliott welcomed the new Trustees. L. Elliott outlined a recent memo from the Ministry regarding funding cuts to the Education Program Other (EPO) Grants. The impact this will have was noted. Additional information will be provided at the next Planning and Priorities meeting.

L. Elliott acknowledged the contributions of staff to support many TVDSB families this season; holiday wishes were expressed.

**10. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**11. MINUTES OF THE 2018 NOVEMBER 27 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE 2018 DECEMBER 3 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND THE 2018 DECEMBER 11 INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING**

**a. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the 2018 November 27 Regular Board meeting, 2018 December 3 Special Board meeting and 2018 December 11 Inaugural Board Meeting were approved on motion of Trustee Polhill, seconded by Trustee Ruddock.

**b. Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

**12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Student Trustee Chun reported on the Ontario Student Trustee Association Council meeting where a variety of topics were discussed. She referenced an official press release issued on behalf of the Ontario Student Trustees regarding recent budget cuts titled "Ontario Students Urge Government's to Recognize the Magnitude of Funding Cuts".

Student Trustee Frick provided an update on Student Advisory Council's plan for a Next Gen conference at the end of 2019 May and a networking event in 2019 January. She also provided an update on the plan for a First Nations Girls' conference within Thames Valley on 2019 February 20. The conference will focus on learning traditions within a safe place.

**13. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Annual Report**

L. Elliott presented the annual report and described activities in 2018 that contributed to meeting the Board's vision and mission. The content and posting of the report per Ministry requirements was described.

J. Capaldi outlined the benefits to having an online annual report, and provided a virtual tour of the report for the Board. T. Testa played the TVDSB holiday video for the Trustees.

**b. Roch Carrier French Immersion Public School Enrolment Pressures**

R. Culhane provided an update on the enrollment pressures at Roch Carrier French Immersion Public School and the plan to alleviate those pressures for the 2019-2020 school year.

Plans to limit the entry point to the French Immersion program to grade one students for the 2019-2020 were presented and discussed.

Questions of clarification regarding availability of childcare spaces, capacity at feeder schools, staffing and plans for reviewing the French Immersion Program were addressed by administration.

The communication plan to the system was outlined in detail.

**14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES**

**a. Policy Working Committee, 2018 November 27**

Trustee Morell referred to the written report of the Policy Working Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package. Recommendations of the Committee were outlined.

**Moved by J. Bennett**

**Seconded by J. Skinner**

THAT the Assessment and Evaluation of Student Achievement policy (#5003) be rescinded.

**CARRIED**

**b. Chair's Committee, 2018 December 4**

Trustee Bennett referred to the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in their agenda package. Recommendations of the Committee were outlined.

J. Bennett advised the Board approved membership to the Board Committees through an electronic vote. It was noted that the appointment of Trustee Pizzolato as the alternate to the Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee was not included in error.

**Moved by J. Bennett**

**Seconded by S. Polhill**

THAT L. Pizzolato be appointed as the Alternate to the Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by J. Bennett**

**Seconded by M. Ruddock**

THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the 2018-2022 term:

Christine Thammavongsa, Association for Bright Children

Nadia Brown, Autism Ontario

Mike Cvetkovich, Children's Aid Society of London

Barb Furac, Community Living London

Judy Wright, Community Services Coordination Network

Don Hunter (Alternate), Community Services Coordination Network

Alison Morse, Easter Seals

Bob Harvey, Epilepsy Support Centre

Jayne Arts (Alternate), Epilepsy Support Centre

Tracy Grant, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network

Wendy Conforzi (Alternate), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network

Paul Cook, Learning Disabilities Association London  
 Deborah Shore Reid (Alternate), Learning Disabilities Association London  
 Suzanne Young, London Autism Developmental Support Group  
 Christina Devlin (Alternate), London Autism Developmental Support Group  
 Lori Turner-Otte, Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer  
 Kim Vander Schelde (Alternate), Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer  
 Janet Gritzan, Thames Valley Children's Centre  
 Colleen Willoughby (Alternate), Thames Valley Children's Centre  
 Jennifer Courtney-Nuyens, Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations  
 Melissa Noszenko (Alternate), Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations  
 Laura Dunlop-Dibbs, Vanier Children's Services  
 Sheri Grabstas (Alternate), Vanier Children's Services  
 Michele Barbeau, VOICE for the Hearing Impaired  
 Natalie Davison (Alternate), VOICE for the Hearing Impaired.

**CARRIED**

J. Bennett advised on the approval of the professional development requests for Trustees C. Rahman, J. Skinner, A. Morell, L. Pizzolato, S. Hunt, B. Yeoman; and Student Trustees S. Chun and I. Frick to attend the 2019 Public Education Symposium.

**c. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2018 December 18**

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:05 p.m. to 5:27 p.m. The committee discussed confidential legal and personal matters.

**Moved by** J. Bennett

**Seconded by** J. Skinner

THAT the motions at the in-camera session of 2018 December 18 related to personal matters be approved.

**CARRIED**

**15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

**a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)**

J. Skinner provided an update on the OPSBA meeting, where Minister of Education Lisa Thompson addressed a variety of topics. A summary of the meeting was sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting.

**b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)**

Trustee McKinnon reported there was no TVEF meeting held in December. He promoted the hot chocolate fundraiser taking place 2018 December 19.

**16. COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. Oneida Nation of the Thames- First Nations Advisory Committee, Membership**

Oneida Nation of the Thames appointed Bette Summer (Life Long Learning Administrator), Ursula Doxtator (Elected Councillor) and Charity Doxtator (Elected Councillor) to the First Nations Advisory Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

**Moved by** C. Rahman

**Seconded by** B. McKinnon

THAT Bette Summers, Ursula Doxtator and Charity Doxtator be appointed to the First Nations Advisory Committee for the 2018-2019 term ( 2018 December 18– 2019 November 30).

**CARRIED**

**b. Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee, Membership**

A letter from the Thames Valley Administrator's Committee- Elementary to appoint Kim Robertson to sit on the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee was received.

**Moved by** B. Yeoman

**Seconded by** P. Cuddy

THAT Kim Robertson be appointed to the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee for the 2018-2019 term (2018 December 18– 2019 November 30).

**CARRIED**

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

**18. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Trustee Skinner outlined the progress made with the installation of AED's in TVDSB schools highlighting the fundraising efforts of various community groups.

Trustee Skinner described the rationale for his motion to refer the AED policy and procedure to the Policy Working Committee noting his concerns with the wording in the procedure that precludes the ability for the Board to set aside funds for the purchase and maintenance of AEDs.

**Moved by** J. Skinner

**Seconded by** S. Hunt

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.

**CARRIED**

**19. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**20. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS**

None.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Trustee Pizzolato and Trustee Rahman, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**Arlene Morell**

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Chair of the Board