

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Board Room, Education Centre

Administration: L. Elliott (Director), R. Culhane (Associate Director), D. Macpherson (Superintendent), S. Builder (Superintendent)(-6:37), A. Marlowe (Equity and Diversity)(-8:07), K. Edgar (Superintendent)(-8:07), M. Deman (Superintendent)(-8:07), C. Giannacopoulos (Superintendent), L. Nicholls (Superintendent)(-8:07), L. Griffith-Jones (Superintendent), A. McKerlie (Research and Assessment)(-8:07), T. Schram (Teacher-Banting)(-8:07), J. Cooper (Principal- Banting)(-8:07), B. Miller (Teacher-Banting)(-8:07), L. Munro (Learning Support Services)(-8:07), M. Moynihan (Superintendent), S. Smith (Corporate Services)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

L. Elliott introduced C. Giannacopoulos to the committee, noting she has acquired P. McKenzie's portfolio.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 January 8 meeting were provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

None.

4. 2018-2019 Operational Plan Implementation Update

R. Culhane presented information on the process developed to implement and monitor the TVDSB 2018-2019 Operational Plan.

The timeline of the implementation plan was reviewed. Community consultations, development of the Strategic Plan, finalization of the plan and sharing of the plan were outlined.

The objective of the plan was reviewed and actions were highlighted. The implementation of the plan was outlined and the coordination of data was reviewed.

Questions of clarification were answered by R. Culhane.

5. Thames Valley School Climate Survey System-Level Results

S. Powell provided information on the system-level results for the TVDSB Climate Survey. It was noted the Ministry of Education requires School Climate Surveys to be completed every two years.

S. Powell noted the direct link between the survey results and the TVDSB Operational Plan.

A. McKerlie outlined the content and parameters of the survey (i.e., time to complete. Data collected, scoring methods and composite scores were reviewed. Elementary and Secondary school survey results were reviewed and next steps were outlined.

L. Munro described the ways school climate data is used at the school level in the areas of engagement, safety and school environment.

B. Miller, T. Schram and J. Cooper presented information on how the survey results are used by the school. It was noted the Safe Schools Action Plan (SSAP) was created based on a combination of results from Student Voice, Banting Cares and the School Climate survey data.

B. Miller identified subtopics within Banting S.S. that are the focus of the SSAP and highlighted key initiatives in place to enhance school climate including next steps.

T. Schram provided information on student, parent and staff involvement noting the link between school climate and student achievement.

Questions of clarification were answered by Administration.

6. Ministry Consultations Regarding Class Size and Hiring/Reg. 274

L. Nicholls presented for information a copy of a letter from the Ministry of Education inviting Directors and Principals to provide input on Ontario's teacher hiring practices (Ontario Regulation 274/12-Hiring Practices) and class sizes in Ontario. A copy was provided to the Trustees prior to the meeting.

L. Nicholls outlined the challenges TVDSB is facing with existing regulations.

L. Nicholls noted the Ministry is considering removing caps on Primary class sizes and full day kindergarten. She highlighted some of the beneficial outcomes anticipated as a result of these changes.

Director Elliott noted TVDSB will submit input.

Questions of clarification were answered by Administration.

7. Community Advisory Committee Updates (Standing Item)

B. McKinnon provided an update from the Active & Safe Route to School Committee meeting he attended noting the Municipality of Woodstock agreed to put in a 4-way stop in front of Central Public School/Woodstock Colligate Institute to slow traffic.

B. McKinnon shared plans to put in a cross walk designed by the students, upon consensus between the Active & Safe Route to School Committee and the Municipality.

J. Bennett reported on efforts to resolve the staffing shortage at the Children's Safety Village.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Questions and Comments of Members (Standing Item)

An update on funding for Kettle Creek P.S. will be provided at the 2019 February 12 meeting of the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee.

For Trustees unable to attend the Phelps group on 2019 February 21, alternative arrangements will be made.

10. Future Agenda Items

None.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2019 March 5.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 8:40 p.m.

Sheri Polhill
Committee Chairperson