

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

2019 February 26

TRUSTEES

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

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

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

L. Elliott
S. Mark
J. Pratt
S. Builder
A. Canham
R. Culhane
K. Edgar
D. Macpherson
M. Deman
L. Nicholls
S. Powell
A. Chahbar (+7:44)
J. Marlborough (-7:31)

P. Skinner
M. Moynihan
P. Sydor
T. Testa (-8:03)
R. Kuiper
L. Griffith-Jones
S. Mark
C. Lynd
C. Giannacopoulos
B. Williams
S. Smith (-8:03)
J. Rake (-7:31)

REGRETS

I. Frick

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

River Heights P.S. opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION- River Heights P.S.

The appreciation of the Board was extended to River Heights P.S. for their performance and to H. Callowhill for leading in the singing of O Canada and two musical selections.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by motion by Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Ruddock.

5. OFFICIAL RECORD

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

We regret to record the death of Terry Tkatch on February 13. Terry was an Educational Assistant at Montcalm Secondary School.

6. RECOGNITIONS

a. United Way Cheque Presentation

J. Rake and J. Marlborough, 2018 Campaign United Way Co-Chairs, recognized the United Way Committee and over 200 site champions across the Thames Valley for executing another successful United Way campaign. Fundraising events were highlighted.

Appreciation was extended to L. Elliott for her consistent support and personal efforts to support each United Way event.

A total of \$356,250.00 was raised during the United Way Campaign this year.

K. Woodcock, Campaign Chair, United Way extended her appreciation to the volunteers that contributed to making the campaign a success.

A life sized cheque was presented to United Way and a photo was taken.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

9. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Elliott welcomed C. Giannacopoulos and C. Lynd to the Senior Team and outlined their professional backgrounds.

Director Elliott clarified minutes from the 2019 January 15 PAPA minutes item #8. 2018 Western Middlesex Attendance Area Review- Procedure, Timelines and Communication Plan. When receiving email/correspondence, consultation will be with the Chair of the Board and staff to provide responses.

10. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

11. MINUTES OF THE 2019 JANUARY 22 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 January 22 Regular Board meeting were approved on motion of Trustee Ruddock, seconded by Trustee Polhill.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustee Chun reported that with the support of the communications team and students from various high schools, she was able to create a video in support of the *Free the Flow* program. The video will be presented at the 2019 March 26 meeting of the Board, OSTA and OPSBA.

Student Trustee Chun attended the OSTA-AECO Conference in Ottawa, highlights of the conference were outlined.

13. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

None.

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. Policy Working Committee, 2019 January 22

Trustee Bennett referred to the written report of the Policy Working Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package. There were no recommendations.

b. Chair's Committee, 2019 January 22

Trustee Bennett highlighted items from the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

Recommendations of the Committee were outlined.

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by S. Polhill

THAT a maximum of \$3,700 be allocated from the Trustee budget to furnish the Chair's office.

CARRIED

c. Program and School Services Advisory Committee, 2019 February 5

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

d. Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee, 2019 February 7

Trustee Morell highlighted items from the written report of the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package. There were no recommendations.

e. Chair's Committee, 2019 February 19

Trustee Bennett highlighted items from the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

It was noted additional Board and Advisory meetings have been added to the schedule.

f. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2019 February 26

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:03 p.m. to 6:26 p.m. and 8:15 to 9:28 p.m.

The committee discussed confidential legal and personal matters.

A conflict of interest was declared by Trustee McKinnon related to item 6.a of the in-camera agenda.

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by C. Rahman

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

Denise Goens (Parent Member for a 2-year term, representing London wards 1, 11, 12, and 14).

Emily Pasch (Parent Member for a 2-year term, representing Elgin County).

Dave Cripps (Parent Member for a 1-year term, representing Oxford County).

That the motions at the in-camera session of 2019 February 26 related to legal and personal matters be approved.

CARRIED

15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Skinner noted 2019 April 8 is Advocacy Day in participation with the Executive of OPSBA and MPP's. He noted Grants for Student's Needs (GSN) are scheduled to be released in late 2019 March or early 2019 April.

Trustee Skinner reported the Public Education Symposium (PES) Conference was a success.

Trustee Skinner reported on an upcoming survey regarding Student Trustees and best practices.

It was noted an OPSBA binder will be created and available in the Trustee Conference Room with recaps from each meeting, he also noted a professional development form will be created.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

Trustee McKinnon reported the TVEF Toonie Tuesday kick off was a success. He noted there is a video available on the website showcasing the Caring Fund and outlining how raised funds are used. He also noted there have been 250 requests this school year through the Caring Fund. B. McKinnon extended his appreciation on behalf of TVEF for private donations.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Community Services Coordination Network

This item was deferred on motion by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Rahman.

b. Association for Bright Children of Ontario

This item was deferred on motion by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Rahman.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

18. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

19. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None.

20. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

In response to a question regarding the French Immersion review, R. Culhane and S. Builder reported on the meeting with the FI Principals noting the FI Steering Committee will meet again 2019 March 19.

R. Culhane provided an update on hiring and recruitment efforts noting 48 FI teachers have been hired, and 6 of them have started.

A motion to recess at 8:03 p.m. was moved by Trustee Yeoman, seconded by Trustee Cuddy and Carried.

The Board reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Hunt and Trustee Ruddock, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Arlene Morell
Chair