

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

March 26, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Education Centre

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

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

L. Elliott
 S. Mark
 J. Pratt
 S. Builder
 A. Canham (-9:48)
 R. Culhane
 D. Macpherson
 M. Deman
 R. Hoffman(-9:40)
 L. Nicholls
 S. Powell (-9:40)
 A. Chahbar
 A. Bird (-7:47)
 S. Armstrong (-7:47)

M. Moynihan
 P. Sydor (-9:40)
 T. Testa
 R. Kuiper
 L. Griffith-Jones
 C. Lynd
 C. Giannacopoulos
 C. Henriquez (-9:40)
 B. Williams
 S. Smith
 E. Billodeau (-7:47)
 J. Trampleasure (-7:47)
 E. Mutch (-8:23)

REGRETS

S. Chun, P. Cuddy

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

Forest Park P.S. opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION- Forest Park P.S.

The appreciation of the Board was extended to Forest Park P.S. for their performance and to C. Fedorowski for leading in the singing of O Canada and two musical selections.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. OFFICIAL RECORD

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

We regret to record the death of Jackson Guiler on March 11. Jackson was a student at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute.

6. RECOGNITIONS

None.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

9. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Elliott referred to the recent communication from the Ministry regarding changes to the education sector such as class size caps, e-Learning, specialized programming, hiring, and curriculum.

Understanding the angst that many may be feeling, Director Elliott assured school communities that as information about these changes is received and the impacts on Thames Valley District School Board are understood, communication will be shared with stakeholders using the various communication channels available to the board.

10. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

11. MINUTES OF THE 2019 FEBRUARY 26 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 February 26 were approved on motion of Trustee Skinner, seconded by Trustee Ruddock.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustees Frick and Bajaj reported on the upcoming Student Trustee elections scheduled for May 1 and 2.

13. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. Environmental Education and Management Committee Annual Report

S. Builder introduced Learning Supervisor S. Armstrong and Learning Coordinator E. Mutch. E. Mutch reported on the activities offered through the Environmental Education and Management Program in Thames Valley. The alignment to the Board's strategic plan and to the curriculum was outlined.

Students E. Billodeau and A. Bird, along with their teacher J. Trampleasure described their experiences noting the significant impact the program has had on their learning and self-confidence.

Questions of clarification regarding the use of the Environmental Education Centres were answered by Administration.

b. Draft School Year Calendar 2019-2020

S. Builder presented for approval the draft of the 2019-2020 Elementary and Secondary school year calendars for submission to the Ministry of Education.

The alignment of the secondary calendars between TVDSB and the co-terminus Board was noted and appreciated for reducing transportation expenditures.

Moved by S. Polhill

Seconded by C. Rahman

That the Draft 2019-2020 School Year Calendars be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

CARRIED

c. Masonville Public School-Addition/Renovation Project Additional Funding

J. Pratt presented for approval the use of funds from unappropriated accumulated surplus to fund the revised scope of work at Masonville Public School noting the Ministry has approved the revised business case conditional upon the Board approving the use of unappropriated accumulated surplus to fund the differential cost of the project.

J. Pratt, S. Mark, and C. Henriquez described the original scope of work approved by the Ministry March 2018. With the increase in enrollment at the school it was determined the current gymnasium was inadequate. As a result, the board worked with the Ministry to submit a revised business case that included the addition of a double gymnasium. The revised business case and design for the renovation/addition was described noting it includes the addition of the gymnasium, the re-purposing of a number of rooms, and considers increased construction costs. It was noted the Ministry funds costs based on the enrollment at time of approval and not on projected enrollment.

Questions of clarification, regarding the current on-the-ground capacity (OTG), expected OTG of the renovated school, scope of work, factors considered when designing for a double gym, anticipated Ministry direction regarding the use of unappropriated surplus, the potential use of portables in the future, the potential impacts of delaying the decision, physical education staffing and scheduling, potential construction timelines, and management of construction during the school year, were answered by Administration.

Trustees J. Skinner and J. Bennett acknowledged the input from the Masonville school community and extended appreciation for their patience.

A poll vote was conducted.

YEAS: C. Antone, J. Bennett, S. Hunt, B. McKinnon, A. Morell, L. Pizzolato, S. Polhill, C. Rahman, R. Ruddock, J. Skinner, B. Smith, B. Yeoman

NAYS: none

Abstained: none

Student Trustees:

YEAS: I. Frick and N. Bajaj

Moved by J. Skinner

Seconded by J. Bennett

THAT \$2,425,564 of unappropriated accumulated surplus be used to fund the revised business case for Masonville Public School approved by the Ministry of Education, dated February 28, 2019.

CARRIED

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. Policy Working Committee, 2019 February 26

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 February 26

Chair Morell referred to the Chair's Committee report of 2019 February 26 noting there were no recommendations.

c. Special Education Advisory Committee, 2019 March 4

Trustee Yeoman referred to the written report of the Special Education Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 March 4; highlights of the meeting were shared. There were no recommendations.

d. Program and School Services Advisory Committee, 2019 March 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.

e. Chair's Committee, 2019 March 19

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 J. Skinner

THAT Cassie Krygsman be appointed the alternate for the Community Services Community Coordination Network on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term ending 2022 November 30.

THAT Beth Mai be appointed the alternate for the Association for Bright Children of Ontario on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term ending 2022 November 30.

CARRIED

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

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:05 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. The committee discussed confidential legal and personal matters.

L. Pizzolato declared a conflict relating to item 9.c citing personal conflict.

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by C. Rahman

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

CARRIED

15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Skinner reported he is attending the Labour Relations Symposium next week.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

Trustee McKinnon reported on the recent fundraising efforts of the Thames Valley Education Foundation highlighting Tooney Tuesday donations of over \$27,000 and noting the significant efforts of Oxbow Public School.

Trustee McKinnon invited everyone to participate in the June 2 *Run for the FUNd* event to be hosted at B. Davison Secondary School.

16. COMMUNICATIONS - None.

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 S. Builder provided a follow up report on the French Immersion Review currently underway noting they currently are reviewing enrollment and retention data, relevant literature, and practices at other boards regarding program offerings and entry points. It was further noted they are looking at all options, including Dual Track.

R. Culhane reported on the recent hiring of 41 new French qualified teachers and noted they also will be attending a recruitment fair in Toronto.

In response to questions concerning the Summerside and Kettle Creek capital projects, S. Mark reported they are working with a cost consultant on the Summerside project and have tendered the work for Kettle Creek anticipating the work will begin this spring.

In response to questions regarding EQAO, R. Culhane described the various ways in which the EQAO Outreach Department is utilized annually by Principals and by the Learning Support Services Team. He further confirmed there is a strong relationship between reading skills assessed through the DRA and achievement scores on the EQAO reading assessment. R. Culhane advised the board, per Ministry direction, may not mandate teachers to administer the DRA.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Polhill, seconded by Trustee Hunt the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Chairperson