

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY WORKING COMMITTEE

March 26, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Governor Simcoe

MEMBERS

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L. Elliott A. Chahbar
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J. Skinner C. Giannacopoulos (+3:05)(-3:42)

REGRETS

J. Bennett

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Committee Report of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 February 26 meeting were reviewed.

4. Tracking Sheet

The tracking sheet was reviewed.

5. Existing Policies/Procedures Under Revision

a. Pediculosis Independent Procedure (9004)

C. Giannacopoulos presented for consideration the revisions to the Pediculosis Independent Procedure. She reported one change is related to students that they will no longer be sent home, a treatment plan is discussed with the parent(s)/guardian and when the treatment plan checklist is completed the student will return to school.

In response to a question regarding contagion, pediculosis life cycles and treatments were outlined, noting pediculosis is more prevalent in the fall and spring. The importance of following the post pediculosis treatment was reviewed.

In response to questions regarding student absences related to pediculosis, Administration reported the time missed varies for each student. The issues students face from missing prolonged periods of school were highlighted.

In response to questions regarding the cost of pediculosis treatment it was noted each school has access to the Caring Fund through the Thames Valley Education Foundation

(TVEF) for families needing support and many schools are supplying pediculosis removal treatment aids.

Suggested edits were captured by C. Giannacopoulos.

The following motion was moved and CARRIED:

THAT the revised Pediculosis Independent Procedure (9004) be posted for public input for 60 days.

The Committee requested outreach to parents, school councils and Home and School Associations seeking input into the revisions.

b. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Schools Procedure (3014a)

Trustee Skinner presented for consideration the revisions to the Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Schools Procedure.

After discussion regarding the purpose of the revisions J. Skinner clarified the intent of the proposed revisions is to make it clear that Trustees retain the right to fund AEDs if they so choose.

In response to a question Administration explained the current procedure protects schools/Principals from using resources allocated for education to fund AED's.

Suggested edits were captured by J. Skinner.

The procedure moves forward to Administrative Council for review.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2019 April 23.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by motion at 3:57 p.m.

Arlene Morell
Committee Chair