

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

April 23, 2019
Board Room, Education Centre

TRUSTEES

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

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

REGRETS

S. Chun, I. Frick

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

L. Elliott	M. Moynihan
S. Mark	P. Sydor
J. Pratt	R. Hoffman
S. Builder	R. Kuiper
A. Canham	L. Griffith-Jones
R. Culhane	C. Lynd
D. Macpherson	C. Giannacopoulos
M. Deman	K. Edgar
L. Munro (-8:37)	C. Henriquez (-8:37)
L. Nicholls	B. Williams
S. Powell	S. Smith
P. Skinner	C. Kent (-8:37)
	E. Hazell (-8:37)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Morell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

2. O CANADA

A.B. Lucas S.S. opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION-A.B. Lucas S.S

The appreciation of the Board was extended to A.B. Lucas S.S for their performance and to S. Holowitz and P. Stevenson for leading in the singing of O Canada.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the addition of the Interim Chair's Report, 2019 April 23 the agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Skinner.

5. OFFICIAL RECORD

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

We regret to record the death of Shirin Dolat Felfeli on April 12th. Shirin was an Education Assistant at Byron Southwold Public School.

6. RECOGNITIONS

None.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Morell acknowledged the recent Ministry of Education budget announcements noting senior team is working to assess impacts on staffing and student programming. More information will be known once the Grant for Student Needs (GSN) are released later this month.

A. Morell reported she attended the Annual Student Pride Conference noting the welcoming environment provided.

9. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Elliott announced *Variety Is* will be held this Thursday at Budweiser Gardens noting tickets are still available.

Director Elliott reported the TVDSB was appreciated by the Terry Fox Foundation for raising 3.5 million dollars over the years for cancer research noting a plaque and thank you letter were received.

Director Elliott extended congratulations to K. Edgar for assuming the role of President of the Ontario Public Supervisory Officials Association (OPSOA).

10. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

11. MINUTES OF THE 2019 MARCH 26 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 March 26 Regular Board meeting were approved on motion of Trustee Yeoman, seconded by Trustee Skinner.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustee Bajaj provided an update on the Student Advisory Council's plans for the upcoming Next Gen conference in 2019 May.

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

13. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. Western Area Middlesex Attendance Area Review Final Report

S. Mark introduced Manger C. Henriquez, Planner C. Kent and E. Hazell from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

S. Mark provided an overview of the Western Middlesex Attendance Area Review (WMAAR) including background information on the development of the report and scope of the review. Each of the recommendations were outlined and explained.

Questions of clarification regarding transportation costs, empty pupil places, AAR committees, holding zones, portable costs and programming were answered by Administration and E. Hazell.

Moved by C. Rahman

Seconded by M. Ruddock

THAT the subdivision plans of 39T-MC1301, 39T-MC0902, and any other future subdivision plans contained in Area "A" as identified in the Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Report "TVDSB: Middlesex Attendance Area Review (Supplementary Data, December 17, 2018" be permanently designated to the existing attendance area of Delaware Central PS Oxbow PS / Valleyview PS / East Williams Memorial PS.

THAT the existing attendance areas for Oxbow PS / Valleyview PS / East Williams Memorial PS remain status quo.

THAT the existing attendance areas for Centennial Central PS / North London remain status quo.

THAT a Transition Committee be established at each of the elementary schools affected by a change based on the approved attendance areas.

On motion of S. Polhill seconded by M. Ruddock the above motions were deferred to the 2019 May 28 meeting of the Board.

Moved by C. Rahman
Seconded by M. Ruddock

THAT the School Committees of Caradoc, Centennial Central, Delaware Central, East Williams Memorial, Oxbow, Parkview and Valleyview Public Schools be disbanded.

CARRIED

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2019 March 19

Trustee Antone referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package. The following recommendation was made.

Moved by C. Antone
Seconded by B. McKinnon

THAT the Terms of Reference as revised be approved.

CARRIED

b. Chair's Committee, 2019 March 26

Trustee Bennett highlighted items from the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package. There were no recommendations.

c. Policy Working Committee, 2019 March 26

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

d. Program and School Services Advisory Committee, 2019 April 2

Trustee Polhill highlighted items from the written report of the Program and School Services Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

Trustee Rahman put forth a motion for the Chair to draft a letter to the Minister of Education and a recorded vote was conducted.

The content of the letter was outlined including: changes to class sizes, autism funding, and potential changes to full day kindergarten, and the impact they may have on the budget process and on programming. On request impacts on small rural schools and Indigenous program funding were added to the list of items to be included in the letter.

Moved by C. Rahman
Seconded by S. Polhill

THAT the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing the concerns of the board regarding Education funding announcements.

CARRIED

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

NAYS: none

Abstained: none

Student Trustee:

YEAS: Bajaj

e. Special Education Advisory Committee, 2019 April 2

Trustee Bennett referred to the written report of the Special Education Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 April 2; highlights of the meeting were shared. There were no recommendations.

f. Audit Committee, 2019 April 9

Trustee Morell highlighted items from the written report of the Audit Committee provided to the Trustees in advance of the meeting.

Moved by P. Cuddy

Seconded by J. Skinner

THAT the Thames Valley District School Board (“TVDSB”) approve a 2-year renewal option with Deloitte LLP to provide external audit services to the TVDSB for the period of 2020 January 1 to 2021 December 31.

CARRIED

g. Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee, 2019 April 9

Trustee Skinner highlighted items from the written report of the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package. There were no recommendations.

h. Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee, 2019 April 11

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.

i. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2019 April 16

Trustee McKinnon referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 April 16; highlights of the meeting were shared.

Moved by B. McKinnon

Seconded by C. Antone

THAT Evelyn Young be reinstated to the First Nations Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

j. Chair’s Committee, 2019 April 16

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

In response to a suggestion, J. Bennett advised on meetings with the City of London to address concerns regarding membership changes to the London Safety & Crime Prevention Committee.

Additional questions regarding upcoming Joint Municipal and Community Collaboration meetings were addressed by the Chair.

k. Interim Chair's Report, 2019 April 23

As per Ontario Regulation 246/18 made under the Education Act, the Trustees reviewed its Code of Conduct on 2019 April 9. It was determined no changes were required and the existing Code of Conduct was confirmed.

It was agreed to review the Code of Conduct again in the 2019-20 school year noting a Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee would be formed for this purpose.

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by J. Skinner

THAT the Trustee Code of Conduct be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by S. Hunt

THAT a Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee be established in the fall of 2019 to review the Trustee Code of Conduct and any other required changes to the TVDSB Bylaws with a report due to the Board no later than 2020 April 28.

CARRIED

l. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2019 April 23

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:00 p.m. to 6:31 p.m. The committee discussed confidential and personal matters.

B. McKinnon declared a conflict relating to item 8.b citing personal conflict.

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by B. Yeoman

THAT the motions at the in-camera session of 2019 April 23 related to personal matters be approved.

CARRIED

15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Skinner reported on the meeting of 2019 April 13 noting the focus on GSNs, regional input opportunities on OPSBA priorities, class sizes and hiring practices.

Trustee Skinner provided information on the upcoming OPSBA Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for 2019 July 4-7.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

Trustee McKinnon reported on the success from Toonie Tuesday.

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. Mark reported on the status of Summerside noting work continues with the cost consultant.

McKinnon reported Saunders and Beal students will be participating in a Water Walk tomorrow noting they are expected to arrive at the Education Centre around 11:15 a.m.

In response to a question S. Builder reported on the plan to present the French Immersion Enrollment Pressures report at the 2019 May 7 Program and School Services Advisory meeting.

In response, to a question regarding an article about violence in education (specific to special education) A. Canham reported resources are used to address emerging student needs. Staff training and the process for reviewing incidents was described. Planning is ongoing to effectively manage resources to accommodate students.

In response to a question regarding the consolidation of Health Units, Administration reported there has not been any communication from Health Units in the regard.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Polhill, seconded by Trustee Hunt the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Arlene Morell
Chairperson