

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

May 28, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Education Centre

TRUSTEES

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

B. McKinnon
S. Polhill
B. Smith
J. Skinner
P. Cuddy
C. Antone
I. Frick

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

L. Elliott
S. Mark
S. Builder
A. Canham
R. Culhane
D. Macpherson
S. Powell
P. Skinner
M. Moynihan
P. Sydor
L. Nicholls
M. Cywink(-7:20)
S. Dale(-7:20)
J. Ammendolia(-8:11)
C. Wall(-7:35)
T. Tomico(-7:35)
C. Henriquez(-8:11)
R. Kuiper
L. Griffith-Jones
C. Lynd
C. Giannacopoulos
K. Edgar
T. Testa
A. Chahbar
R. Hoffman(-8:11)
C. Kent(-8:11)
L. Munro(-8:11)
B. Williams
S. Smith
D. Pearce(-7:20)
D. Clarke(-7:29)
N. Gilbert(-7:29)
A. Wall(-7:35)
J. Macdonald-Stewart(-7:20)

REGRETS

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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

Aldborough Public School opened the meeting with the playing of O Canada.

3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The appreciation of the Board was extended to Aldborough Public School for their performance and to A. Norton for leading in the playing of O Canada and two musical selections.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Cuddy, 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 John Norman Keenan on May 3rd. John was a custodian at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute.

6. RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions: FNMI Student Leadership Artwork presentation

C. Giannacopoulos introduced D. Pearce, J. Macdonald-Stewart, S. Dale and M. Cywink and briefly outlined the First Nation Metis and Inuit(FNMI) Student Leadership Program.

M. Cywink provided information on his role with the FNMI Student Leadership Program reporting the Leadership Council consisting of representation from nine Secondary schools meets monthly. M. Cywink extended recognition to D. Pearce and J. Macdonald-Stewart for their leadership talents.

D. Pearce and J. Macdonald-Stewart presented the artwork to the Board noting the single art piece consists of a contribution piece from each student in the FNMI Student Leadership program. It was noted the artwork will hang for one year at the Education Centre then a year at each of the nine schools. M. Cywink describe the meaning of each individual piece and the final composition.

D. Pearce read the Artist Statement for the piece, as it was presented to the board.

Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement

M. Moynihan announced that Bryon Southwold P.S. was one of the twenty-two Provincial recipients to receive the Dr. Bette M. Stevenson award based on EQAO data with a focus on math. Vice-Principal N. Gilbert and Principal D. Clarke detailed the success that resulted in Southwold P.S. achieving the award. D. Clarke extended appreciation to the teachers and support staff for their contributions.

Tu Puento Collaboration

P. Sydor introduced A. Wall, T. Tomico and C. Wall and briefly outlined their professional backgrounds and how they became involved in Tu Puento. P. Sydor provided an overview of Tu Puento noting it translates as " bridging the gap" and explained Tu Puento's purpose within TVDSB, and how it benefits TVDSB students.

P. Sydor reported on the success achieved through the Tu Puento program and extended his appreciation for their contributions of knowledge, and dedication to the program.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Morell announced the appointment of Mark Fisher to the role of Director of Education by the Board of Trustees.

A. Morell presented a draft letter to the TVDSB community regarding funding for the 2019-2020 school year. Feedback was requested from the Trustees.

A. Morell reported the process is underway for engaging an Integrity Commissioner.

9. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Elliott welcomed Mark Fisher to TVDSB and extended appreciation to the collaborators that worked on Tu Puento and the FNMI Student Leadership program. Director Elliott congratulated Byron Southwold P.S on winning the Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award.

10. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

11. MINUTES OF THE 2019 APRIL 23 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE 2019 MAY 15 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND 2019 MAY 21 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 April 23 Regular Board meeting, 2019 May 15 Special Board and 2019 May 21 Special Board meeting were approved on motion of Trustee Hunt, seconded by Trustee Polhill.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustee Frick provided the results of the Student Trustee Election for the 2019-2020 school year reporting that E. Butler and C. Kennedy were elected and S. Chun was re-elected. I. Frick reported on the Board Council election noting S. Chun was elected President.

Student Trustee Chun reported she attended the OSTA Conference 2019 May 24-27; highlights of the conference were outlined.

13. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. Western Area Middlesex Attendance Area Review Final Report

S. Mark, C. Henriquez, J. Ammendolia and C. Kent presented for approval the Western Area Middlesex Attendance Area Review Final Report.

A summary of public input was provided noting the key themes.

New developments, existing boundaries, and OTG were outlined and enrolment projections were presented for each school.

Questions of clarification regarding the transition committee and the Integrity Commissioner were answered by Administration.

Trustee Polhill raised concerns regarding a conflict of interest resulting from public input. Trustee Polhill requested the decision of the Board regarding the Middlesex Accommodation Review be deferred to the 2019 June 25 meeting of the Board, allowing the Board to engage an integrity commissioner to preserve the integrity and transparency of the board decision. A poll vote was requested.

Moved by S. Polhill

Seconded by J. Bennett

THAT the Board decision regarding the Western Area Middlesex Attendance Area Review motions as follows be deferred to the 2019 June 25 meeting of the Board:

1. 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

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

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

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

YEAS: J. Bennett, P. Cuddy, B. McKinnon, L. Pizzolato, S. Polhill, C. Rahman, J. Skinner, B. Smith and B. Yeoman

NAYS: M. Ruddock

Abstained: A. Morell, S. Hunt and C. Antone

Student Trustee:

YEAS: S. Chun

Abstained: I. Frick

CARRIED

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. Chair's Committee, 2019 April 23

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 presented and approved at the 2019 April 23 Board meeting.

b. Policy Working Committee, 2019 April 23

Trustee Bennett referred to the written report of the Policy Working Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package. Recommendations of the Committee were outlined.

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by L. Pizzolato

THAT the revised Transportation Policy be approved.

THAT the revised Self-Identification for Aboriginal Students Policy be approved.

CARRIED

c. Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee, 2019 April 30

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.

d. Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee, 2019 May 2

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. Special Education Advisory Committee, 2019 May 6

Trustee Bennett referred to the written report of the Special Education Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 May 6; highlights of the meeting were shared. There were no recommendations.

f. Program and School Services Advisory Committee, 2019 May 7

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.

g. Audit Committee, 2019 May 14

Trustee Hunt highlighted items from the written report of the Audit Committee provided to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. There were no recommendations.

h. Chair's Committee, 2019 May 14

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 P. Cuddy

THAT the 2019-2020 Board and Advisory Meeting Schedule be approved.

CARRIED

i. Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee, 2019 May 14

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.

j. Chair's Committee, 2019 May 21

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 B. McKinnon

THAT the Chair of the Board be authorized on behalf of the Board to approve personnel changes as required during 2019 July and August.

THAT in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair be authorized on behalf of the Board to approve personnel changes as required during 2019 July and August.

k. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2019 May 28

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:00 p.m. to 6:21 p.m. The committee discussed confidential negotiations and personal matters. There were no recommendations.

15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Skinner reported on the OPSBA meeting of 2019 May noting the discussions on e-learning and class sizes.

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 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

B. McKinnon provided an update from the Active & Safe Routes to School Committee reporting a student painted cross walk has been designed and will be painted at the cross walk in front of Central P.S. School in Woodstock to remind drivers to slow down. Through data collected, this crosswalk was identified as particularly dangerous.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Pizzolato, seconded by Trustee Skinner the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m

Arlene Morell
Chairperson

