

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

September 24, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Education Centre

TRUSTEES

A. Morell (Chair)
J. Bennett
L. Pizzolato
M. Ruddock
B. Yeoman
C. Rahman (-8:00)
S. Chun (-8:28)
C. Kennedy

B. McKinnon (by phone)
S. Polhill
B. Smith
J. Skinner
P. Cuddy
C. Antone
E. Butler

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

M. Fisher
S. Mark
J. Pratt
S. Builder
A. Canham
R. Culhane
R. Hoffman
S. Powell
P. Skinner
M. Cosyn-Heath (-8:11)
C. McDougall (-7:50)
S. Nadeau(-7:50)
J. Ruberto (-7:50)
A. Spence(-7:50)
C. Kissau(-7:50)
M. Moynihan
P. Sydor
T. Testa
R. Kuiper
L. Griffith-Jones
C. Lynd
K. Wilkinson
K. Edgar
L. Nicholls
A. Chahbar
B. Williams
S. Smith
M. Bosman (-7:50)
P. Askey (-7:50)

REGRETS

S. Hunt

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

Éva Circé-Côté French Immersion Public School opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The appreciation of the Board was extended to Éva Circé-Côté French Immersion Public School for their performance and to T. Kennedy for leading in the singing of O Canada and a musical selection.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION

Principal C. Kissau, staff, student and parent representatives from Stoney Creek P.S. presented information on family math nights, noting their success in engaging families and improving student achievement.

Trustee Rahman extended appreciation to the school Administration from Stoney Creek and to TVPIC for their support with the math nights.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Smith.

6. OFFICIAL RECORD

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

We regret to record the death of Tracy Reesor on July 27th. Tracy was an Instructor at Blossom Park Public School.

We regret to record the death of Alex Le on September 4th. Alex was a student at Cedar Hollow Public School.

We regret to record the death of Treena Johnson on April 2nd. Trina was a Teacher at Southwold Public School.

We regret to record the death of Kevin Piper on September 12. Keven was a Custodian at Northdale Public School.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

8. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Fisher introduced a new video called "We are Thames Valley" prepared by the Culture for Learning team.

9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Morell congratulated M. Fisher on his recent appointment to Director and briefly outlined his professional background.

Chair Morell welcomed and introduced Student Trustees E. Butler and C. Kennedy, highlighting their goals for the year. Chair Morell welcomed back returning Student Trustee S. Chun.

10. PUBLIC INPUT

C. McDougall presented public input regarding controlled access at the Elementary level in TVDSB.

Trustees asked questions of clarification to the presenter.

11. MINUTES OF THE 2019 JUNE 18 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND JUNE 25 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 June 18 Special Board meeting and 2019 June 25 Regular Board meeting were approved on motion of Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Ruddock.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

Trustee Yeoman extended her appreciation to Administration for their work on the SEAC plan presented at the 2019 June 25 meeting of the Board.

12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustee Chun reported she met with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) over the summer on behalf of the Ontario Student Trustee Association.

Student Trustee Butler reported the Student Trustees will be chairing the first Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting of the school year on 2019 October 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Student Trustee Kennedy reported she has been provided the opportunity to write an essay for Education Today. The topic will be *efforts made by TVDSB to reconcile with nearby Indigenous Communities and how TVDSB leads the way with FNMI student initiatives*. Chair Morell noted the magazine is published by OPSBA.

13. PRESENTATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. Accomplishments Report

M. Fisher presented the Thames Valley's 2018-19 Accomplishments Report. M. Fisher outlined the Strategic Priorities that will guide the focus of work at TVDSB over the next several years.

b. Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services Start Up

M. Cosyn-Heath advised on the Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services.

M. Cosyn-Heath reported over 50,000 students are being transported. Active travel and bus cancellations procedures were reviewed emphasizing the focus on safety, noting school bus safety week is 2019 October 21-25.

M. Cosyn-Heath advised of the driver shortage impacting rural areas, noting STS is working with the bus operators on a solution.

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2019 June 18

Trustee Antone referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 June 18; recommendations of the committee were outlined.

Moved by C. Antone

Seconded by J. Skinner

THAT M. Fisher be reinstated as a member of the First Nation Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

b. Policy Working Committee, 2019 June 25

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

c. Chair's Committee, 2019 August 27

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. Yeoman

THAT membership to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be renewed.

CARRIED

d. Special Education Advisory Committee, 2019 September 9

Trustee Bennett referred to the written report of the Special Education Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 September 9; highlights of the meeting were shared. There were no recommendations.

e. Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee, 2019 September 10

Trustee Skinner 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.

It was noted the construction kickoff for Masonville P.S will be on 2019 October 3 at 1:00 p.m.

f. Audit Committee, 2019 September 10

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

g. Chair's Committee, 2019 September 17

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 M. Ruddock

That Trustees L. Pizzolato, B. Smith, C. Rahman, J. Bennett, and A. Morell be appointed to the Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by J. Skinner

That membership to the Ontario Student Trustees Association be renewed.

CARRIED

h. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2019 September 17

Trustee Antone referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 September 17; there were no recommendations.

i. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2019 September 24

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:00 p.m. to 5:46 p.m. The committee discussed confidential legal, property and personal matters.

Moved by J. Bennett
Seconded by S. Polhill

That the motions at the in-camera session of 2019 September 25 related to property matters be approved.

CARRIED

15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Skinner reported that this weekend he will be meeting with the Board of Directors in Toronto. In November he will attend Advocacy Day at Queen's park to speak with MPPs.

Chair Morell reported TVDSB will be hosting a Regional OPSBA meeting on 2019 November 2 at Saunders S.S.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

Trustee McKinnon reported the "Best First Day" campaign for students was a success. A full report will be brought forward for information at the 2019 October 22 meeting of the Board.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Chippewas of the Thames- First Nations Advisory Committee, Membership

A letter from Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Board of Education was received regarding membership to the First Nations Advisory Committee.

Moved by C. Antone
Seconded by J. Bennett

THAT Evelyn Young and Crystal Kechego be appointed to the First Nations Advisory Committee effective 2019 August 26- 2021 August 31.

CARRIED

17. NOTICE OF MOTION

That the following motions adopted at the 2017 May 23 Board meeting regarding EPAR-01 be **RESCINDED**:

1. THAT New Sarum Public School, located at 9473 Belmont Road, St. Thomas, close effective 2020 June 30, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School and the new Southeast St. Thomas Public School.
2. THAT Springfield Public School, located at 51336 Ron McNeil Line, Springfield, close effective 2020 June 30 and be declared surplus, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.
3. THAT the River Heights Public School junior kindergarten to grade 3 attendance area be approved as per Figure 02, effective 2020 July 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.

4. THAT the Northdale Central Public School grade 4 to grade 8 attendance area be approved as per Figure 02, effective 2020 July 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.
5. THAT a renovation for program enhancements be completed at Northdale Central Public School, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.
6. THAT the Davenport Public School grade 7 students and siblings, residing in the area to be accommodated at the new Belmont Public School and registered as of 2020 March 01, be provided the "grandparenting option" for the 2020-21 school year, to remain at Davenport Public School, with transportation if eligible, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.
7. THAT the Northdale Central Public School grade 7 students and siblings, residing in the area designated to the new Belmont Public School and registered as of 2020 March 01, be provided the "grandparenting option" for the 2020-21 school year, to remain at Northdale Central Public School, with transportation if eligible.
8. THAT the Summers' Corners Public School grade 7 students and siblings, residing in the area to be accommodated at the new Belmont Public School and registered as of 2020 March 01, be provided the "grandparenting option" for the 2020-21 school year, to remain at Summers' Corners Public School, with transportation if eligible, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.
9. THAT the Summers' Corners Public School junior kindergarten to grade 8 attendance area be approved as per Figure 05, effective 2020 July 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.
10. THAT a new junior kindergarten to grade 8 elementary school be constructed in the southeastern area of the City of St. Thomas, opening 2020 September 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Southeast St. Thomas Public School.
11. THAT the new junior kindergarten to grade 8 Southeast St. Thomas Public School attendance area be approved as per Figure 06, effective 2020 July 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Southeast St. Thomas Public School.
12. THAT a portion of the Southeast St. Thomas Holding Zone be permanently accommodated at the new Southeast St. Thomas Public School as of 2020 July 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Southeast St. Thomas Public School.
13. THAT the Southeast St. Thomas Holding Zone grade 7 students and siblings residing in the area to be accommodated at the new Southeast St. Thomas Public School and registered as of 2020 March 01, be provided the "grandparenting option" for the 2020-21 school year, to remain at Port Stanley Public School, with transportation if eligible, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Southeast St. Thomas Public School.

That the following motions adopted at the 2017 May 23 Board meeting regarding EPAR-01 **BE AMENDED** as indicated:

THAT a new junior kindergarten to grade 8 elementary school be constructed in the village of Belmont, opening 2020 September 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding.

Be amended to:

THAT a new junior kindergarten to grade 8 elementary school be constructed in the village of Belmont, opening 2023 September 01 contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding.

THAT the new Belmont Public School attendance area be approved as per Figure 01, effective 2020 July 01, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.

Be amended to:

THAT the new Belmont Public School attendance area be approved to include the existing South Dorchester Public School and Westminster Public School attendance areas and to include the students who currently reside within the natural boundaries of the town of Belmont attendance area, contingent upon Ministry of Education approval of capital funding for the new Belmont Public School.

Motion:

That through the Chair of the Board, a letter be written to the Ministry of Education regarding the change in direction of the Board to EPAR-01.

18. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

19. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

None.

20. DIRECTOR'S NEWS FROM THE SYSTEM

M. Fisher showcased the Strategic Plan in action with a slideshow demonstrating each of the Strategic Priorities in action at a TVDSB school.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Ruddock the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Arlene Morell
Chairperson