

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Board Room, Education Centre

Members: Trustees J. Bennett, B. McKinnon, S. Polhill, A. Morell(+6:46), S. Hunt, P. Cuddy, B. Yeoman, L. Pizzolato, B. Smith, M. Ruddock, C. Rahman; Student Trustee S. Chun, E. Butler

Regrets: C. Antone, J. Skinner; Student Trustee C. Kennedy

Administration: M. Fisher (Director), R. Culhane (Associate Director), S. Builder (Superintendent), M. Moynihan (Superintendent), K. Edgar (Superintendent), K. Robertson (Principal), L. Williams (Principal)(-7:05), L. Reid (Principal)(-7:05), S. Askey (Principal)(-7:05), E. Kaufmann (Principal)(-7:05), L. Fleet (Principal)(-7:05), L. Grant (Principal)(-7:05), V. Fernandez (Manager)(-7:05), S. Smith (Corporate Services)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 May 7 meeting were provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

None.

4. Summer Learning Programs 2019

M. Moynihan introduced Manager V. Fernandez and the Principals that organized and implemented the Summer Learning Program for 2019.

Through a PowerPoint presentation the team presented information on the 2019 TVDSB Summer Learning Programs. The presentation highlighted the variety of summer programs, identifying *High School Here I Come* as the program with the highest enrollment. It was noted student progress reports were sent to parents/guardians and the home school.

The team presented information on each of the specialized programs, reporting that 6800 students participated.

The benefits of the summer learning programs were reviewed noting the alignment with TVDSB's Strategic Plan.

Questions of clarification regarding credit recovery, reach ahead courses for Elementary, summer learning funding, program availability, teacher qualifications for FNMI classes, co-op placements

within TVDSB, condensed timelines for summer e-learning, transportation to summer learning programs and opportunities for French Immersion students were answered by Administration.

S. Polhill extended appreciation on behalf of the Trustees to Administration for their work on the Summer Learning Program and the high level of detail in their presentation.

5. French Immersion Review Update

Through a PowerPoint presentation S. Builder provided an update on the French Immersion (FI) Review, outlining the activities of the FI Review Committee. The essential agreements and 2019 June community survey were summarized. The ranking of possible options and next steps were reviewed, noting all possible options align with the essential agreements.

Questions of clarification regarding details of the survey results, regional agreements, FI teacher recruitment, options provided to parents in the survey, French/English instruction ratio requirements and additional survey input were answered by Administration.

6. Community Advisory Committee Updates (Standing Item)

B. McKinnon provided an update from the Active & Safe Routes to School Committee noting the next meeting is on 2019 October 24. He reported the student painted cross walk was completed, noting the cross walk has increased awareness and resulted in positive media attention.

7. Other Business

M. Fisher reported briefing notes will be issued to Trustees as needed moving forward. These will be used to supply Trustees with high level information and a direct contact person to ensure Trustees have accurate information.

M. Fisher provided an update on the current situation at Saunders S.S.

8. Questions and Comments of Members (Standing Item)

In response to a question R. Culhane reported a communication update will be provided at upcoming meetings.

In response to a question Chair Polhill clarified the intent of Advisory Committee meetings are to receive information and provide feedback.

S. Polhill reported the TVPIC symposium is next Wednesday at the Lamplighter.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2019 November 5.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations: None.

Sheri Polhill
Committee Chair