

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

October 22, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Education Centre

TRUSTEES

A. Morell (Chair)
J. Bennett
L. Pizzolato
M. Ruddock
B. Yeoman
C. Rahman
S. Chun (-9:40)
C. Kennedy

B. McKinnon
S. Polhill
B. Smith
J. Skinner
P. Cuddy
S. Hunt (-9:50)
C. Antone
E. Butler

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

M. Fisher	M. Moynihan
S. Mark	P. Sydor
J. Pratt	T. Testa
S. Builder	R. Kuiper
A. Canham	L. Griffith-Jones
R. Culhane	C. Lynd
D. Macpherson	K. Wilkinson
R. Hoffman	K. Edgar
S. Powell	A. Chahbar
P. Skinner	B. Williams
E. Wendel-Caraher (-7:27)	S. Smith
R. Ritter (-7:27)	A. Clark (-7:27)
J. Debackere (-7:27)	D. Lale (-7:27)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Morell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. O CANADA

C.C. Carrothers P.S. opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

3. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The appreciation of the Board was extended to C.C. Carrothers P.S. and the Glen Cairn Community Choir for their performance and to S. Richards for leading in the singing of O Canada and two musical selections.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION

Principal E. Wendel-Caraher, staff, and student and parent representatives from Kettle Creek P.S. presented information on the ECO class. Connections to the strategic plan were highlighted.

Trustee Ruddock extended appreciation to the school Administration and parent volunteers from Kettle Creek P.S.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Morell acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Skinner, seconded by Trustee Bennett.

Moved by S. Hunt
Seconded by M. Ruddock

THAT the agenda be amended to include public input as item #10. A poll vote was conducted.

YEAS: C. Antone, S. Hunt, A. Morell, L. Pizzolato, C. Rahman, R. Ruddock, B. Smith, B. Yeoman

NAYS: J. Bennett, P. Cuddy, B. McKinnon, S. Polhill, J. Skinner

Abstained: none

Student Trustees: NAYS: E. Butler, S. Chun, C. Kennedy

DEFEATED

As a point of clarification, it was noted 2/3 majority vote was required per Board bylaws.

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Skinner, seconded by Trustee Bennett.

6. OFFICIAL RECORD

None.

7. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Director Fisher provided information on the Parent Cyber Safety event scheduled for 2019 October 24.

8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

10. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

11. MINUTES OF THE 2019 SEPTEMBER 24 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND 2019 OCTOBER 1 AND 15 SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 September 25 Regular Board meeting and 2019 October 1 and 15 Special Board meetings were approved on motion of Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Pizzolato.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustee Chun reported she attended the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting (GM), where she implemented the Student Trustee Mentor Program initiative.

Student Trustee Butler reported she attended the OSTA GM, including breakout sessions with focuses on policy, Roberts Rules and social media. The key note speakers were detailed. Student Trustee Butler reported she will be leading a student voice POD cast.

Student Trustee Kennedy provided an update on her role with supporting the students at Saunders S.S. Student Trustee Kennedy reported she attended the OSTA GM where she connected with fellow Indigenous Student Trustees.

13. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. Operational Plan

Director Fisher provided for information the Operational Plan for 2019-2020. Strategic objectives and actions to be undertaken in the current school year in support of the Board's strategic priorities were reviewed. Operational goals and targeted outcomes were outlined.

Administration responded to questions of clarification regarding the statistical outcomes for students taking applied classes, assessing reading skills, and metrics for the operational goals.

b. Classroom Utilization – Deliverable Amendment

J. Pratt presented for approval a change in the reporting timeline for the classroom utilization report requested by Trustees. A change in date from 2019 November 26 to 2020 January 28 was requested.

Moved by S. Polhill

Seconded by P. Skinner

THAT the deadline for the report on the potential of closing classrooms to address empty pupil places be amended from no later than 2019 November 26 to no later than 2020 January 28.

CARRIED

14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. Chair's Committee, 2019 September 24

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.

b. Policy Working Committee, 2019 September 24

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

c. Program and School Services Advisory Committee, 2019 October 8

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.

d. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2019 October 15

Trustee Antone referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2019 October 15; highlights of the meeting were shared.

e. Chair's Committee, 2019 October 15

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.

Questions of clarification regarding electronic voting were answered by J. Bennett.

Questions regarding the details of the vote were answered by A. Morell and J. Skinner.

Questions of clarification regarding Supervisory Alternative Learning options were answered by Administration.

Moved by J. Bennett

Seconded by S. Polhill

That Trustees B. Yeoman, A. Morell, M. Ruddock, S. Hunt, and B. Smith be appointed to the Rural Education Task Force Steering Committee.

CARRIED

f. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2019 October 22

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:03 p.m. to 5:41 p.m. The committee discussed confidential personal matters.

15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Skinner provided an update on OPSBA noting on 2019 November 1 London will host the Western Region meeting. All trustees were invited to attend.

Trustee Skinner reported he is planning to attend Advocacy Day at Queen's Park to speak with MPPs on 2019 November 24 and 25.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

Trustee McKinnon provided an update on the 2018-2019 TVEF Caring Fund impact. A handout was provided.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations, Membership to Special Education Advisory Committee

A letter from the Thames Valley Council of Home and School Association (TVCHSA) was received regarding membership the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Moved by C. Rahman

Seconded by B. Yeoman

THAT Sarah Thomson be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2018 December 1 to 2019 November 30 2022 term.

CARRIED

b. Autism Ontario London, Membership to Special Education Advisory Committee

A letter from Autism Ontario London was received regarding membership the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Moved by B. Yeoman

Seconded by C. Rahman

THAT Sarah Lawrence-Farrants be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2018 December 1 to 2019 November 30 2022 term.

CARRIED

17. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

18. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN

Moved by M. Ruddock

Seconded by B. Smith

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.

Questions of clarification regarding the potential rescinding of the motions on the proposed new Southeast St. Thomas school were addressed by Trustee Ruddock.

Questions of clarification regarding the business cases for Belmont and the new Southeast St. Thomas school were addressed by Administration.

Moved by J. Skinner

Seconded by P. Cuddy

THAT the decision be deferred to the 2019 November 26 meeting of the Board, contingent on the presentation of the report from Administration (per the Board motion of 2019 June 25), public input, and receipt of the business cases for Belmont and the Southeast St. Thomas schools.

CARRIED

19. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Trustee Yeoman extended her appreciation to Administration in preparing the classroom utilization report, acknowledging the amount of work the report will require.

K. Wilkinson described the community outreach in response to the recent situation at Saunders S.S.

In response to a question S. Mark advised on the status of the capital approval process pertaining to Tweedsmuir and to the new Southeast London P.S. noting both continue to be in progress.

20. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Pizzolato, seconded by Trustee McKinnon the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Arlene Morell
Chairperson