

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Board Room, Education Centre

Members: Trustees S. Polhill, A. Morell, P. Cuddy, B. Yeoman, L. Pizzolato, M. Ruddock, J. Skinner, C. Rahman; Student Trustees: S. Chun, E. Butler, C. Kennedy

Regrets: C. Antone, J. Bennett, B. McKinnon, S. Hunt, B. Smith

Administration: A. Canham, R. Culhane, K. Edgar, M. Fisher, D. Macpherson, M. Moynihan, S. Powell, K. Wilkinson, D. Rosati (-7:42), S. Armstrong (-6:54), S. Smith

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Election of Vice-Chair

Trustee Pizzolato was elected to the position of Vice-Chair of the Program and School Services Advisory Committee for the term ending 2020 November 30.

The Ballots were destroyed.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 November 5 meeting were provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

None.

5. Operational Plan Update - Numeracy

M. Moynihan and S. Armstrong provided an Operational Plan update on Numeracy. Goals, targeted outcomes, and progress to date were reviewed. The targeted outcomes for the current school year were detailed. The impact and method of measurement of the strategies were outlined.

Administration addressed questions of clarification regarding the Provincial numeracy standards, the impact increasing academic enrolment will have on EQAO results, teaching methods (vertical non permanent), educating families on course selection, preparing students for EQAO testing, only offering academic courses (math) in grade nine.

In response to a question, it was reported Administration will communicate with every Elementary Principal to provide current information.

6. Operational Plan Update – Equity

Administration provided an Operational Plan update on Equity, specific to the goal of reducing suspension rates.

Supporting positive behaviour, planning for positive outcomes, Administrator considerations for progressive discipline, Elementary/Secondary suspension rates, suspensions for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs), strategies to support student behaviours and next steps were reviewed.

Questions of clarification regarding progressive discipline, the process of reducing suspension, available treatments based on suspension history, communication with Superintendents at the time of suspension, caring adult relationships in school (taking stock report), parental withdrawals, suspension pressures from families and effective programming were addressed by Administration.

7. Implementation of Operational Plan Update

A. Morell extended her appreciation for the progress and completion of the Operational Plan.

M. Fisher provided an Operational Plan Implementation update.

Questions of clarification regarding access to budget planning information through the Trustee portal were addressed.

The committee requested the Operational Plan updates be posted on the TVDSB website.

8. Community Advisory Committee Updates (Standing Item)

None.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Questions and Comments of Members (Standing Item)

None.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2020 February 4.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by motion.

Barb Yeoman
Committee Chair