

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Board Room, Education Centre

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

Regrets: C. Antone; Student Trustee S. Chun

Administration: R. Culhane, M. Fisher, D. Macpherson, C. Lynd, L. Nicholls, J. Pratt, K. Wilkinson, T. Testa, S. Smith, D. Munro, S. Macey, M. Cosyn Heath (-6:49), K. Kastelic (-6:49)

1. **Call to Order and 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 2020 January 14 meeting were provided for information.

a. **Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

None.

4. **Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services - Annual Report to Stakeholders, 2018-2019 Fiscal Year**

C. Lynd introduced M. Cosyn Heath and K. Kastelic who presented for information the Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services - Annual Report for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

The service area profile, transportation eligibility, choice of school, school bus routes, active travel, school bus stops, inclement weather, school travel planning (STP) and financial statements were reviewed.

Questions of clarification regarding the definition of hazardous conditions, measuring the data and monitoring the progress of the STP program, the process to charter buses during non-peak hours, the process for changing bus stop locations, transportation costs, students in the busing areas that do not use the bus, implementing a bus registration process, seat belts, stop arm cameras, electric buses, over booked buses and increasing the number of student that walk to school were addressed.

In response to a question, K. Kastelic reported the STP is collaborating with the London Middlesex Health Unit to implement the program in schools.

In response to a question, M. Cosyn Heath advised on the number of students recommended per seat noting no more than three for junior students and two for senior students.

5. **2019-2020 Interim Financial Report - 2019 November 30**

Through a PowerPoint presentation S. Macey presented the 2019-2020 Interim Financial Report based on the financial results for the three months ending 2019 November 30.

It was noted the reports reflect the revised budgets and actual expenses for 2019-2020 as of 2019 November 30, including the impact of revised estimates filed with the Ministry of Education on 2019 December 13.

6. Overview of Budget Challenges and Review of Public Input Process

C. Lynd presented for information and input the 2020-2021 Budget Challenges and Public Input Process.

Questions of clarification regarding class size ratios, teacher salaries on strike days, the increase in casual staffing/absence increases, funding casual staff, creating an attendance incentive and the maximum year-end deficit allowance were answered by Administration.

It was noted there will be presentations on the one-to-one Chromebook Pilot Project and the new Student Information System at a future meeting as part of the budget process.

7. Budget Planning Engagement Session

T. Testa facilitated a budget planning engagement session focusing on gathering input from the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee and Senior Administration related to potential 2020/21 budget initiatives/priorities. It was noted that budget initiatives/priorities should align with the TVDSB Operational Plan.

This Thoughtexchange session will remain open until the end of the month, the responses will be used to guide the budget process.

8. Other Business

Trustee Pizzolato inquired on the status of the *Free the Flow* initiative. It was noted an update will be presented at the Program and School Services Advisory meeting on 2020 March 3.

9. Questions and Comments by Members

J. Pratt provided an update on current labour action.

R. Culhane provided an update on the current media coverage at H.B. Beal S.S. regarding the Musical Theatre Program.

M. Fisher provided an update on the draft Exclusion of a Student policy noting exclusion is outlined in the requirement of the Education Act 265(1)(m).

A. Morell advised on the printers that Trustee devices can connect to wirelessly.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2020 March 10.

11. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Corrine Rahman
Committee Chair