

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY WORKING COMMITTEE

February 25, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Governor Simcoe

MEMBERS

J. Bennett L. Pizzolato
C. Rahman M. Ruddock (Chair)
A. Morell (ex-officio)

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

M. Fisher A. Marlowe
S. Smith

REGRETS: B. Smith

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved, as amended, on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Committee Report of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2020 January 28 meeting were reviewed.

4. Tracking Sheet

The tracking sheet was reviewed.

5. New Draft Policies/Procedures

a. Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Draft Policy and Procedure

Superintendent A. Canham and System Principal R. Ferrara joined the meeting to present for information and feedback the draft Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Policy and Procedure noting they were newly created to meet an identified need.

Key considerations were reviewed. The policy was reviewed by the committee.

Questions of clarification regarding the number of service dogs currently in schools, the approval process, revoking approval for behavioural issues, the appeal process, and the rationale for posting the policy for 30 days were answered by A. Canham.

The accommodation process was outlined by A. Marlowe.

The following motion was moved and CARRIED:

THAT Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Draft Policy be posted for public input for 30 days.

It was noted the Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Draft Procedure will be posted for 30 days.

b. Display of Flags Draft Policy and Procedure

A. Marlowe presented for feedback the Display of Flags Draft Policy and Procedure noting they were newly created to meet an identified need. Consultation completed was described.

The policy and procedure were reviewed by the committee. Questions of clarification regarding community use of space/external parties hanging flags, half-masting of flags. Discussion centered on the half-masting of flags and for whom it would apply. Trustee Rahman expressed reservations regarding section 6.4 noting no additional members should be listed with the Sovereign.

Suggested edits were captured by A. Marlowe.

The following motion was moved and CARRIED:
THAT Display of Flags Draft Policy be posted for public input for 60 days.

It was noted the Display of Flags Draft procedure will be posted with the policy for 60 days.

6. Existing Policies/Procedures Under Revision

a. English As a Second Language/English Literacy Development Teacher (ESL/ELD) Staffing Allocations Independent Procedure

Superintendent M. Moynihan and System Principal M. Roes joined the meeting. M. Roes presented for information and feedback the new English as a Second Language/English Literacy Development Teacher (ESL/ELD) Staffing Allocations Independent Procedure. It was noted upon approval by Administrative Council the current Independent Procedure (#9027) will be rescinded.

Questions of clarification regarding the language in section 5.4 was addressed.

Suggested edits were captured by M. Roes.

The procedure returns to Administrative Council for final approval.

The following motion was moved and carried:

THAT English as a Second Language/English Literacy Development Teacher (ESL/ELD) Staffing Allocations Independent Procedure be provided to the Board for information (PWC-1).

7. Other Business

a. Corporate Services Master Tracker

The Corporate Services Master Tracker for Policies, Procedures and Independent Procedures was reviewed.

Questions of clarification regarding amendment and renewal dates were answered by S. Smith.

b. Development and Management of Board Policies and Administrative Procedure Policy

Through discussion it was determined that the policy will not be presented to the Board for approval at the 2020 February 25 meeting. It will be reviewed at the next Policy Working Committee meeting to allow for the review of additional public input received.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2020 March 24, 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by motion at 4:17 p.m.

Meagan Ruddock
Committee Chairperson