

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

May 12, 2020
Virtual Meeting

TRUSTEES

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

B. McKinnon
S. Polhill
B. Smith
J. Skinner
P. Cuddy (+6:09)
C. Antone
S. Hunt
E. Butler

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

M. Fisher
J. Pratt
S. Builder
A. Canham
R. Culhane
D. Macpherson
T. Testa
P. Skinner
S. Powell
C. Lynd
B. Williams

M. Moynihan
P. Sydor
R. Kuiper
L. Griffith-Jones
C. Giannacopoulos
K. Edgar
L. Nicholls
A. Chahbar
C. Glaser
P. Hicks
K. Auckland
S. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Morell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., completed a roll call and acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

2. O CANADA

The meeting was opened with the playing of O Canada.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Pizzolato, seconded by Trustee Polhill.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Fisher provided an update on Thames Valley District School Boards (TVDSB) response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Updates were provided regarding mental health week, synchronous learning, grade 8 and 12 graduations, parent and staff check-ins, Special Education, Lexia training, the FNMI team, Graduation Coaches, distanced learning, device deployment, parent engagement, professional development, school renewal projects, portables, virtual meetings and providing internet access for communities.

It was noted summer school online registration will open 2020 May 15.

Associate Director Culhane provided an update on IPRC meetings noting TVDSB will proceed with IPRCs if appropriate, where possible if the parent/guardian is in approval

Associate Director Pratt provided construction updates on Masonville Public School, Kettle Creek Public School, and Tweedsmuir Public School.

Director Fisher highlighted activities from schools across the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) demonstrating the strategic priorities in action. The presentation slides will be sent to Trustees following the meeting.

6. 2019/20 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND FACILITY COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES MEETINGS

C. Lynd provided an update regarding the 2019/20 Facility Collaboration and Co-Build Opportunities meetings.

Questions were addressed regarding the use of schools in the near future and the potential need for additional space in the fall as a result of the pandemic.

7. BUDGET BACKGROUND INFORMATION

C. Lynd presented for review a summary of the outcome of the Thoughtexchange “Recognizing current financial constraints, what should we consider as a key initiative for 2020-21 budget and how does this align to the successful implementation of our Operational Plan?”

The five themes identified through the Thoughtexchange were supporting student achievement outcomes and graduation, technology investment, further supports for student wellbeing, further supports for equitable outcomes and further supports for capital planning.

Questions of clarification regarding the pending GSN announcement, adding additional initiatives, the budget debate and approval process were addressed. In response to a question Administration offered to reopening the Thoughtexchange.

8. REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA, 2020 MAY 12

Trustee Ruddock reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera on 2020 May 12, from 5:03 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. to discussion confidential negotiation and property matters. No conflicts of interest were declared. There were no recommendations.

9. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Trustee Skinner provided information on the new OPSBA scholarship noting additional details may be found on the OPSBA website.

Trustee Skinner reported the Trustee Professional Development (PD) program was updated with 21 online modules. A certificate will be awarded upon completion.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Smith seconded by Trustee Cuddy the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Arlene Morell
Chairperson