

# THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

### Teams Meeting

#### TRUSTEES

A. Morell (Chair)  
J. Bennett  
L. Pizzolato  
M. Ruddock  
B. Yeoman  
C. Rahman  
T. Rahman  
N. Keller

B. McKinnon  
S. Polhill  
B. Smith  
J. Skinner  
P. Cuddy  
C. Antone  
S. Hunt  
M. Dhaliwal

#### ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

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

M. Moynihan  
P. Sydor  
L. Griffith-Jones  
C. Giannacopoulos  
L. Nicholls  
A. Chahbar  
S. Smith  
J. Ames McLay (-7:20)  
J. Ruberto (-7:20)  
C. Henriquez (-7:53)  
K. Auckland

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Morell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

#### 2. O CANADA

The meeting opened with a virtual performance of O Canada by Lester B. Pearson Public School.

#### 3. STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION

D. Wright introduced Principal J. Ames McLay and acting Vice- Principal J. Ruberto from Royal Roads Public School who detailed strategies to improve communication, mental health, numeracy, equity and mathematics. Various ways to utilize social media were reviewed. Connections to the strategic plan were highlighted.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Antone, seconded by Trustee McKinnon.

#### 5. OFFICIAL RECORD

None.

#### 6. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

#### 7. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Fisher announced TVDSB will participate in the anti-bullying / *Pledge* campaign 2020 November 16-20. The details of the campaign were outlined.

Director Fisher recognized service members past and present, acknowledging the significance of Remembrance Day.

**8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**9. PUBLIC INPUT**

One community representative presented public input regarding PPE for deaf and hard of hearing students. Appreciation was extended to the presenter.

**10. MINUTES OF THE 2020 October 27 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**a. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the 2020 October 27 Regular Board meeting were approved on motion of Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Ruddock.

**b. Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

**11. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Student Trustees reported the first Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held on 2020 November 25. Applications are being accepted for Student Senate positions. The Student Trustees released a video encouraging socially responsibility behaviour.

**12. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Capital Projects Update**

C. Henriquez provided an update on the Board's Capital Projects. A virtual tour of Kettle Creek Public School was provided.

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding the New Southeast London Public School, the tendering process, timelines for the new childcare spaces at River Heights Public School and Ministry funding.

**13. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES**

**a. Policy Working Committee, 2020 October 27**

Trustee Ruddock referred to the written report of the Policy Working Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package. Recommendations of the committee were outlined.

**Moved by** M. Ruddock

**Seconded by** S. Hunt

**THAT the Development and Management of Board Policies and Administrative Procedure Policy (PWC-1) be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**b. Chair's Committee, 2020 November 3**

Trustee Ruddock highlighted items from the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package. There were no recommendations.

**c. Special Education Advisory Committee, 2020 November 3**

Trustee Pizzolato referred to the written report of the Special Education Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2020 November 3; highlights of the meeting were shared. There were no recommendations.

In reference to the letter written to the Ministry regarding PPE for deaf and hard of hearing students, Trustee Morell advised any response from the Ministry would be shared.

Discussion centered on the recommendations from the Committee to Administration regarding assessments. There was a request the Committee be provided an opportunity to clarify the intent of their motion.

**d. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2020 November 10**

Trustee Ruddock reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 6:00 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. The committee discussed confidential negotiation and property matters.

**Moved by** M. Ruddock

**Seconded by** B. McKinnon

**That the motions at the in-camera session of 2020 related to negotiation and property matters be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**14. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

**a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)**

Trustee Skinner provided a summary of the OPSBA Western Regional meeting.

Details were provided on the upcoming Public Education Symposium virtual workshop noting it will take place on 2021 January 28.

Trustee Skinner advised on the draft PPM regarding the revoking of Reg. 274.

**b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)**

None.

**15. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

**17. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN**

None.

**18. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS**

In response to a question, C. Lynd responded a presentation from Student Transportation Services (STS) will be presented in Spring 2021.

Administration responded to questions of clarification regarding the COVID-19 Protocol, Provincial funding and cost benchmarks for construction.

Chair Morell offered to share the SEAC letter from the Chair's meeting package with other boards through OPSBA.

**19. DIRECTOR'S NEWS FROM THE SYSTEM**

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

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Trustee Polhill, seconded by Trustee Ruddock the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**Arlene Morell**  
Chairperson