

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Teams Meeting

TRUSTEES

A. Morell
J. Bennett (-7:53)
L. Pizzolato
M. Ruddock
B. Yeoman
C. Rahman
T. Rahman
N. Keller

B. McKinnon (Chair)
S. Polhill
B. Smith
J. Skinner
P. Cuddy
C. Antone
M. Dhaliwal

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

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

M. Moynihan
P. Sydor
K. Wilkinson
L. Griffith-Jones
C. Giannacopoulos
L. Nicholls
G. Vogt
A. Chahbar
S. Smith
S. Macey (-8:56)
M. Merrimen (-7:20)
M. Miszkiewicz (-7:20)

REGRETS

S. Hunt

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair McKinnon 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 Masonville Public School.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION

P. Skinner introduced Principal M. Miszkiewicz and Vice-Principal M. Merrimen from Bryon Northview Public School who presented information regarding their strategies for improving communication and building relationships. Connections to the strategic plan were highlighted.

Trustees asked questions of clarification to the presenters.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Skinner, seconded by Trustee Smith.

5. OFFICIAL RECORD

None.

6. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

7. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Fisher advised February is Black History month and provided an update on the work of the TVDSB Equity Team.

Director Fisher noted the importance of creating a learning environment that is respectful and makes students feel safe and welcomed.

Director Fisher reported students at TVDSB have an opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of Black Canadians and a chance to learn about the many noteworthy individuals who, throughout history, have had significant impact inducing change in our society.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

9. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

10. MINUTES OF THE 2021 JANUARY 26 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2021 January 26 meeting of the Board, with amendments to item 10.b (Business Arising from the Minutes), were approved on motion of Trustee Yeoman, seconded by Trustee Antone.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

11. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustee Rahman provided an update on their progress with their advocacy initiatives noting a focus on mental health and equity.

12. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. 2020-2021 TVDSB Operational Plan

Director Fisher provided for information the Operational Plan for 2020-2022. Key areas of focus, goals and objectives aligned to the Board's Strategic Priorities in support of student achievement and well-being were detailed.

Administration responded to questions of clarification regarding measuring results, collecting achievement data for FNMI students, aligning the Operational Plan with the Strategic Plan in the next cycle, addressing learning loss/gaps, planning/collaborating with FNMI communities, and completing assessments.

In response to a question, Director Fisher confirmed the 2020-2022 Operation Plan is a working document and may be updated as needed.

b. Budget

1. 2020-2021 Interim Financial Report

S. Macey presented for information the 2020-2021 Interim Financial Report outlining the revised budget estimates at 2020 November 30. Detailed in the

report were the changes in revenues and expenses differing from the approved budget noting the impact of lower enrollment and COVID related expenses and revenues.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration.

2. 2021-22 Budget Review of Public Input Process

C. Lynd presented for feedback the proposed public input process for the 2021-2022 budget. Similar to the previous year, a survey process was recommended.

Trustees provided feedback including amendments to the survey question, allowing for 60 days public input, and engagement of stakeholders.

Suggestions were captured by C. Lynd.

13. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. Chair's Committee, 2021 February 2

Trustee Ruddock highlighted items from the written report of the Chair's Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package. The recommendation of the Committee was outlined.

Moved by M. Ruddock

Seconded by B. Smith

That the Trustee allowance for printer expenses, for items such as paper and ink, be increased to \$250 for the current fiscal year to support Trustees working from home.

CARRIED

14. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Morell provided information on the Public Property Assessment Network/OPSBA Scholarship for Graduating Students noting registration will be open until 2021 May 21.

Trustee Morell advised on upcoming Advocacy Day detailing changes from previous years to accommodate hosting the event in a virtual environment.

Trustee Morell reported Dr. Hayley Hamilton will be the next speaker in the OPSBA speaker series. Dr. H. Hamilton will virtually present *Mental Health Among Students and Adults How are They Doing?* on 2021 February 11 at 12:00 p.m.

Trustee Morell reported the OPSBA legislative update is available for review and outlined the subject matter.

Trustee Morell reported the OPSBA Region meeting will be held virtually on 2021 February 20 at 9:00 a.m.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

Trustee Skinner advised this week would have marked TVEF's 11th annual Toonie Tuesday, a fundraising event for thousands of TVDSB students and staff to raise funds in support of the Caring Fund.

An email will be sent to staff and Trustees reminding them donations can be made to Thames Valley Education Foundation Caring Fund through payroll deduction.

Trustee Skinner extended appreciation to all staff and Trustees currently making payroll contributions to the Caring Fund noting over \$46,000.00 was raised through payroll deductions last school year.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Smith presented the following Notice of Motion:

That we initiate the program (as described in the accompanying information) to recognize exceptional work by frontline staff in a simple, timely, effective, and on-going manner.

17. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

18. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding waitlists for students to transition between FRL and in-person learning, connectivity/reintegration for students returning to in-person learning and communicating changes in masking requirements to families and staff.

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 Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Morell the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Bill McKinnon
Chairperson