



NOTICE OF MEETING

THAMES VALLEY PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE & TIME: Thursday, January 14, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Teams Meeting

MINUTES

1. Welcome

S. Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of Meeting from November 12, 2020

The minutes of the 2020 December 10 were provided for information and approved.

4. Mental Health Team (Manager Ferdinand and Andrea Harvey)

Manager M. Ferdinand and Mental Health Lead Andrea Harvey joined the meeting to share what their team has been doing over the years and more specifically during this school year to support parents, students and the community. Recognized this is a very difficult time for families, students and parents; thanked the committee for a great turnout. The Mental Health department started this journey with Thames valley 10 years ago with the Health Strategic Plan. In fact, Thames Valley has lead the province in this; we had a Mental Health Lead before the province funded this position. The board has been recognized nationally and provincially for the work around mental health. Goal is to have every school mentally healthy. The Mental Health team offers educator capacity, coaching and support in the mental health journey. The department focuses on self – regulation, empathy, collaborative problem solving, and resiliency in the elementary panel. Currently, as a board, we have over 2000 Assist Suicide Intervention staff trained. Teacher Guides that Thames Valley created for the Elementary and Secondary panels have been picked up provincially. A. Harvey is new to the board as of November 2020 and complicated the board on their efforts around Mental Health and well – being. Brainstormed way to present the Fostering Calm presentation to parents. S. Thomson will follow up with Manager Ferdinand. Lots of great discussion and feedback. S. Thomson thanked them for coming and sharing the amazing work that is happening.

5. Member Updates from TVDSB Representatives (Standing Item)

a) Director of Education/Superintendent

S. Builder provided an update on the number of COVID-19 cases that the board had over the Holiday Break. There are many great things happening in Full Remote Learning, but as a board, we recognize there are some bumps, we continue to ask parents, staff and students to do their best. There are tips coming to Administrators for distribution to support families with the adjustment to remote learning. As a reminder, the first line of communication is with the teacher or with the students' home school. Also, important for everyone to be aware that Thames Valley hears the announcement when everyone else hears the announcement. Our schools are open to staff and our special education self – contained classes. The board and families will find out on Wednesday if full remote learning will be extended. As of December 23, 2020 Information Technology had an additional 11,000 device requests; 15 000 have already been deployed. The Kindergarten registration campaigns have already began and the transition planning for grade 8 to grade 9 students has started. The Every Student Belongs survey is still open, it is very important that every student have a voice. Senior Administrator received confirmation of funding for 16 million for the new Southeast School to be built. Students currently attending Westminster Central, Tweedsmuir and Princess Elizabeth will move to the new school. Senior Administration offers his or her sincere thanks and appreciation, know it is extremely challenging for everyone.

The Change of Learning models for Elementary and Secondary have been very disruptive to staff and students. A review committee has been established, each situation is reviewed case by case, but we cannot honour all requests. In the Full Remote Learning schools, we have worked very hard to create a sense of community. S. Noon thanked S. Builder and the Senior Team for their hard work.

b) Trustee Update

L. Pizzolato shared the change in schedule for board meetings for the remainder of the school year. There will be two meetings a month. A Trustee forum will be created for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Program and Planning Committee meetings have been suspended.

6. Chairs Message

S. Thomson reminded members that School Council meetings can occur virtually, but the Principal or Designate must attend. They can be recorded, but that needs to be communicated at the beginning of the meetings. Guest attending TVPIC meetings are always welcome.

7. Business Arising

a) New Business

Members gave a shout out to the Administrators for the smooth transition to Full Remote Learning.

8. Subcommittees work/ plans

This has been a quiet year. What can we do? Would like to share the Fostering Calm presentation made available to families. How many people know TVPIC exists? What can we do to create awareness? We are here for you, we can help you! This is the year to do something big. Brainstormed ideas to educate families and create awareness around TVPIC (podcasts, simple short YouTube videos). S. Tucker and the Communications department can help create videos, question and answer YouTube segments.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Future Meeting Dates

a. February 11, 2021 via TEAMS

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

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Administration and Others: M. Fisher, A. Morell, R. Tamminga, K. Robertson, S. Builder, J. VanderMolen, S. Tucker
Guests: M. Ferdinand, A. Harvey