

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

Teams Meeting

TRUSTEES

A. Morell
J. Bennett
L. Pizzolato
M. Ruddock
B. Yeoman
C. Rahman
T. Rahman
N. Keller (-8:01)

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

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

M. Fisher
S. Builder
A. Canham
R. Culhane
C. Lynd
T. Langelaan
D. Wright
T. Testa
P. Skinner
S. Powell
B. Williams
K. Auckland
H. Gerrits (-7:58)
T. Vacante (-7:58)

M. Moynihan
P. Sydor
K. Wilkinson
L. Griffith-Jones
C. Giannacopoulos
L. Nicholls
G. Vogt
A. Chahbar
S. Smith
R. Ferrara (-7:18)
F. Ferraiuolo (-7:18)
J. Savard (-7:18)
P. Westaway (-7:40)

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 Sir Arthur Currie Public School.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION

Superintendent A. Canham introduced System Principal R. Ferrara and TOSAs J. Savard and F. Ferraiuolo from the Assistive Technology - Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) Team who presented information regarding their strategies for promoting the effective use of technology and supporting professional development. 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 Hunt, seconded by Trustee Morell.

5. OFFICIAL RECORD

B. Williams, Supervisor, Corporate Services, read the following official record into the minutes:

We regret to record the death of Dan Calendino on February 21st. Dan was an Early Childhood Educator at Westfield Public School.

We regret to record the death of Darryl Kay on March 6th. Darryl was an Educational Assistant at Clarke Road Secondary School.

6. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

7. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Fisher announced London Central Secondary School student, E. Clarke was recently awarded the 10th annual Lewis Coray Trailblazer Award for demonstrating perseverance in pursuit of academic success and social responsibility.

Director Fisher announced A. Farrukh of Sir Frederick Banting High School, Y. Liu of London Central Secondary School and M. Dew of H. B. Beal Secondary School were each awarded a \$5,000.00 scholarship by the Horatio Alger Association of Canada for displaying integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.

Director Fisher announced March 8 was International Women's Day and outlined the ways that TVDSB works to positively shape the lives of females and transform the communities where they work and learn.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

9. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

10. MINUTES OF THE 2021 FEBRUARY 23 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

a. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2021 February 23 Regular Board meeting were approved on motion of Trustee Pizzolato, seconded by Trustee Polhill.

b. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

11. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

The Student Trustees advised they are planning a Student Leadership Conference scheduled for 2021 April 23.

Student Trustee Rahman provided updates regarding the provision of input on graduation ceremonies and using social media to provide resources and strategies for supporting student mental health and wellness.

12. PRESENTATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. Leadership Development Update

Superintendent P. Sydor and System Principal P. Westaway provided an update regarding TVDSB's Leadership Development Program. The new Teacher Induction Program, Supervisory Officer Program, and Equity and Leadership Program were detailed.

b. TVDSB Early Years Presentation

Superintendent L. Griffith-Jones, Manager H. Gerrits and System Principal T. Vacante provided an update on TVDSB Early Years programming. Connections to the Operational Plan were identified. The portfolio focus, resources and system collaboration were detailed. A *Welcome to Kindergarten* video was viewed.

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding the transition for first time students from a remote setting to in-person learning.

13. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

a. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2021 February 16

Trustee Antone referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in their agenda package. The Committee met 2021 February 16; highlights of the meeting were shared. There were no recommendations.

b. Policy Working Committee, 2021 February 23

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.

Questions of clarification regarding the minutes were addressed.

Moved by M. Ruddock

Seconded by C. Rahman

THAT the Naming of Schools Policy (2016) be approved.

CARRIED

c. Chair's Committee, 2021 March 2

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

Moved by M. Ruddock

Seconded by J. Skinner

That an Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee be formed and report back to the Board by 2021 September 28.

That the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee make recommendations to the Board regarding the process for developing the 2022 strategic plan; and that the work also include the vision, values, and commitments to support the strategic plan.

That Catherine McCullough be invited back to review the current strategic plan noting the review could be instrumental in updating the current strategic plan and in advancing the 2022 strategic planning process.

CARRIED

Trustees asked questions of clarification regarding the intent of the work to be completed by the proposed facilitator. The motion put forth through the Chair's Report was amended to reflect the need to update the current strategic plan.

Trustees C. Antone and C. Rahman both suggested the current plan needed to be updated to reflect the motions made at the 2020 June 23 Board meeting regarding the work to be done around equity and racism.

d. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2021 March 9

Trustee Ruddock reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 6:15 p.m. to 6:52 p.m. There were no conflicts of interest declared. The committee discussed confidential personal matters. There were no recommendations.

14. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Morell reported that she attended the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting on 2021 February 27 noting details of the meeting were provided to Trustees by email.

Trustee Morell provided updates regarding Federal funding, the school year calendar deadline, Bill 251, the OPSBA Equity Diversity and Inclusion audit and Project Compass.

b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)

Trustee Skinner provided an update on the Foundation noting approximately 50 new donors were added through the payroll deduction campaign.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Pizzolato provided the following Notice of Motion:

That administration be directed to provide a report no later than June 22, 2021 on:

- the criteria used to suggest secondary home schools will be successful for locally developed programs including a report on de-streaming.
- a list of the locally developed, workplace and specialized programs offered in each grade for all secondary schools.
- A plan to monitor student progress in locally developed programs and de-streamed programs.

17. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

18. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding the decision to change Central Secondary School to a semester system. Administration reported on the value of offering a semester system for students.

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 Smith, seconded by Trustee Yeoman the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Bill McKinnon
Chairperson