

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CHAIR'S COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 1, 2024, 8:10 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Mai called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

The agenda was approved, on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Discussion: Organizational Meeting Preparation

Chair Mai reviewed the Organizational Meeting preparation with the members and outlined the process as per the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

The Chair sought input on the current committee structure and if potential changes could be beneficial to the Board using Mentimeter. Data was provided to Trustees on how many Trustee hours are allocated to each committee per year, and how many Trustee seats are available.

Discussion considered the Trustee's capacity to meet the current committee's demands/expectations. Consideration was given to changing the committee structure to better accommodate the priorities outlined in the MYSP. Discussion occurred regarding the time commitments allotted for each committee, merging committees, reducing the number of committee members, meeting less often, and changing meeting times.

Questions of clarification were addressed by the Chair and discussion occurred regarding the ability to balance hours, if Trustees need to sit on the current external and administrative committees, filling committee membership in order priority, if the Program and School Services Advisory Committee (PASSA) and Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee (PAPA) need to be committees of the whole Board, and the pending Ministry changes for Trustee in-person attendance.

In response to a question, Trustee Morell explained the intention for the creation of PASSA and PAPA and why the membership is the committee of the whole Board.

Discussion considered potential changes to the PASSA, PAPA structure, the Ministry changes pertaining to in-person attendance, merging committees,

reducing the number of committees, meeting less often, changing meeting times, board effectiveness, defining the role of Trustees within committees, barriers to participation and finding ways to support staff maxing out on hours.

Chair Mai requested that all participants finalize their participation in the survey so that the input can be reviewed at the next Chair's meeting.

This item will be added to the next Chair's Meeting agenda.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations: None

Beth Mai
Committee Chair