

**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 18, 2024, 3:15 p.m. – 4:16 p.m.

MEMBERS

C. Antone, Chair
M. Larsen, Trustee
L. Pizzolato, Trustee
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
C. Kechego, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (+3:15)

ABSENT

O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware
A. George-Antone, Oneida Nation of the Thames
J. Kennedy, Oneida Nation of the Thames
S. Styers, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
F. Nicholas, Indigenous Student Trustee

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

K. Auckland, Superintendent
G. Doxtator, System Principal
S. McGahey-Albert, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Advisor
M. Keyes, Learning Coordinator for Indigenous Education
K. Doxtator, Learning Coordinator, Indigenous Education
T. Woollings, Principal, H.B. Beal S.S. (-3:50)
J. Hicks, Principal, Lambeth P.S.
B. Nielsen, Principal, Saunders S.S.
S. Hambides, Principal, Strathroy D.C.I. (-3:50)
R. Shave, Principal – TVDSB Adult, Alternative & Continuing Education
S. Gingras, Communications
K. Lambert, Manager of Professional Services (+3:16)
J. Meyer, Board Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Antone called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

On motion, the agenda was approved as printed.

3. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On motion, the minutes of the 2024 April 16 meeting were approved as printed.

5. Principal Updates - Information Only (Standing Item)

Principals and Vice-Principals in attendance highlighted initiatives, events, and programming.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. Items Up for Public Input - Information Only (Standing Item)

Chair Antone noted the Expense Reimbursement - Trustee Policy and Procedure is currently posted for public input on the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) website. The deadline for input is 2024 June 24.

8. Program Spotlight (Standing Item)

None.

9. Indigenous Student Trustee Announcements (Standing Item)

None.

10. Learning Support Services Update

a. Indigenous Education Portfolio Update

Administration provided an Indigenous Education Portfolio update noting activities, events, new credit course offerings, and summer learning programs. An update on the Grade 11, English: Understanding Contemporary First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Voices NBE course was shared, noting schools participating in the second phase will be contacted in the Fall of 2024.

Staffing updates were provided, and Administration committed to sharing job postings.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding professional learning and community engagement events.

b. Board Action Plan (BAP) Update (Standing Item)

Superintendent Auckland reported the Finance department will provide a report to the committee with an update on funding and supporting the Board Action Plan.

Administration expressed appreciation to the Indigenous Education Portfolio team for their ongoing efforts and commitment in supporting Indigenous education in Thames Valley.

c. Alternative Education Site Update (Standing Item)

Principal Shave provided an Alternative Education Site update noting several events and activities that have taken place including, Wellness Wednesdays and a Pow Wow at Saunders Secondary School.

11. School Counselling and Social Work Services Update (Standing Item)

Manager Lambert provided an update on referrals received from students identifying as First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

In partnership with the EarlyON Centres, the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) is offering developmental screening pop-up clinics over the summer for students starting kindergarten. A resource booklet for students and families to promote available community supports is being developed.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding counselling services, available funding for speech and psychological services, wait time data, and the virtual anxiety group.

12. Jordan's Principle (Standing Item)

Superintendent Auckland provided an update on Jordan's Principle request data. It was noted that the guideline is being reviewed and an update will be shared at a future meeting.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding assessment requests.

13. Community Updates (Standing Item)

a. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Committee Member Kecheago noted there is no update.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

None.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

Committee Member Summers provided an update noting graduation ceremonies are taking place and summer school registration has started. It was reported the school naming committee is planning an engagement session in the community.

14. Other Business

Administration expressed appreciation to each of the Indigenous communities for their support.

15. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held 2024 October 16.

16. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Recommendations: **None.**

C. Antone
CHAIRPERSON