

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 1, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
London Room

Trustees

D. Cripps
L. Hopkins
M. Larsen
B. Mai
S. Moore
A. Morell
L. Osbourne
L. Pizzolato
S. Polhill (Chair) (+6:23)
C. Sachs
B. Smith (Vice Chair)
M. Ruddock
E. Park
S. Vimal
L. Westlake

Administration and Others

K. Auckland, Superintendent
J. Baker, Superintendent
J. Bruce, Superintendent
S. Builder, Superintendent
A. Canham, Associate Director
C. Giannacopoulos, Superintendent
L. Griffith-Jones, Superintendent
S. Powell, Superintendent
P. Skinner, Superintendent
P. Sydor, Superintendent
B. Tucker, Interim Director of
Education
G. Vogt, Superintendent
K. Wilkinson, Superintendent
D. Wright, Superintendent

K. Lambert, Manager of Professional Student
Services (-6:59)
C. Stager, Manager, Research and Assessment
Services (+6:43)
S. Gingras, Manager of Communications & Public
Relations
L. Kite, Board Services Assistant

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A point of information was well taken by the Vice Chair that no items were listed under item #4 Unfinished Business. According to the 2024 May 7 minutes, item #6 Secondary French Immersion Programming in TVDSB Schools was to be brought back to the October this meeting. It was noted that this item will be included on the next meeting agenda.

An additional agenda item, The Program and School Services Advisory Committee (PASSA) Work Plan, will be placed before item #5 Summer Learning Update, 2024.

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On motion, the minutes of the 2024 May 7 meeting were approved as printed.

4. Unfinished Business

None.

5. PASSA Work Plan

Administration provided an update on the PASSA Work Plan status. It will be provided to Trustees for review and input at a future meeting.

6. Summer Learning Update, 2024

Associate Director Canham and Superintendents Auckland, Baker, Bruce and Giannacopoulos provided an update on the learning opportunities that were available to Thames Valley District School (TVDSB) students during the summer of 2024.

Administration sought input from the committee regarding considerations for the development of the 2025 program.

Feedback was captured by Administration.

Administration addressed questions of clarification regarding future programming and course outlooks for next year, course offerings for multilingual learners, the threshold eligibility for special education camps offered in the summer, the summer learning program methods of communication to caregivers and students, the rationale for reduced in-person course offerings, transportation accommodations, the availability of social skill programs offered for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) students, the credit recovery summer program waitlist, the result of summer learning program goals, and the metrics used to determine the success rate of the programs.

The committee expressed appreciation to Administration for creating the summer learning opportunities.

7. Summer Mental Health and Well-being Supports

Superintendent Bruce and Manager Lambert provided an update on the mental health and well-being supports that were available for TVDSB students during 2024 July and August.

It was noted that TVDSB offered several mental health supports throughout the summer months ranging from Tier 1 supports for elementary and secondary summer school programs, to Tier 3 one-on-one mental health counselling sessions. In addition, the TVDSB partnered with the London District Catholic School Board and EarlyOn Child and Family Centres to offer 'pop-up' developmental screening clinics across the district.

Administration requested input from the committee regarding considerations for the development of the 2025 summer program.

Feedback was captured by Administration.

Administration addressed questions of clarification regarding clinic awareness campaign communications to small county schools, the metrics used for success and improvement related to the mental well-being of students, accessing group and one-on-one counselling services for in-person and virtual options, caregiver consent for students to participate in counselling services, the supports for parents to help with the students' educational journey, the mechanisms to collect feedback from students that participate in the programs, TVDSB partnerships within the community, and how Trustees can provide support summer mental health and well-being.

It was noted that a report regarding measures for next year summer mental health and well-being, Ministry of Education funding, and the alignment of the MYSP to summer mental health and well-being will be provided at a future meeting.

The committee expressed appreciation to Administration for making well-being opportunities available to students.

The committee stood at ease for the next presenter to join the meeting.

8. EQAO Results for 2023-24

Associate Director Canham, Superintendent Builder and Manager Stager presented an overview of the 2023—24 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results for TVDSB and the province for information.

Feedback was captured by Administration regarding EQAO results focus areas.

Administration provided and reviewed a handout of the 2023-2024 TVDSB EQAO Assessment Results.

Discussion occurred regarding the EQAO results.

Administration addressed questions of clarification regarding setting specific indicators for the MYSP outcomes regarding achievement on EQAO scores, the student questionnaire responses, networking with other boards to review results and next steps, the meaning of multi-stage or computer adaptive EQAO testing from a student perspective, the difference in EQAO test scores from the former method of testing versus the new process, the outcomes what were anticipated based on plans from previous years, and the correlation between resource allocation/planned initiatives and the level of success for students in each division.

A point of clarification was well taken by the Vice Chair noting that consensus of the committee is required to bring additional EQAO reports back to future PASSA meeting.

The following recommendation was moved and **WITHDRAWN**:

THAT administration brings a fulsome report on the system's strategy to increase EQAO results and decrease gaps, including all departments within the board.

Administration committed to reviewing and reporting on the system's strategy to increase EQAO results and decrease gaps across all departments in the board at a future meeting.

9. Questions and Comments by Members (Standing Item)

Student Trustees were acknowledged for their contributions during the meeting.

Vice Chair Smith thanked staff for their hard work preparing and during the meeting.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for 2024 November 5.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 p.m. by motion.

RECOMMENDATION:

None

Bruce Smith
Committee Vice Chair