

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CHAIR'S COMMITTEE

December 4, 2024, 2:38 p.m.

Governor Simcoe

MEMBERS

B. Mai (Chair)
D. Cripps (-3 :37)
L. Pizzolato

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

W. Tucker
K. Wilkinson (-3:30)
D. Hancock
C. Lynd (+3:30, -3:40)
J. Knight (+3:35 -3:36)

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Mai called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

The agenda was approved, without objection.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On motion, the minutes of the 2024 November 20 Regular Board meeting and 2024 November 25 Special Board meeting were approved as printed.

4. Unfinished Business

a. 2024-2025 Student Trustee OSTA-AECO Cabinet Member Conference Attendance (Item 4.a)

D. Hancock provided an update on the PD request for Student Trustee Vimal to attend all OSTA-AECO conferences, plus additional events as an OSTA-AECO Cabinet member.

Chair Mai indicated she was still waiting for a response from OSTA-AECO chair about waiving registration fees.

Trustee Pizzolato shared an email received from OPSBA confirming they do not cover registration / expenses for OSTA executives or speakers.

It was determined this item would be deferred to the next committee meeting pending responses from OSTA-AECO.

5. Review Upcoming Meeting Agendas (Standing Item)

a. Board Annual Work Plan and Multi Year Strategic Plan

The Board's Annual Work Plan and Multi Year Strategic Plan is available and referenced for information.

b. Review of December 10 Regular Board meeting and December 17 Special Board Meeting Agendas

The 2024 December 10 Regular Board meeting agenda and 2024 December 17 Special Board meeting agenda were reviewed and discussed.

Revisions were captured by D. Hancock.

c. Correspondence

None.

d. Public Input

None.

6. Trustee Communication (Standing Item)

a. Letter to Minister Dunlop from OPSBA's Indigenous Trustees' Council

Chair Mai presented correspondence from OPSBA's Indigenous Trustees Council for information. It was determined communications would be shared with Board members for information.

b. Letter to Minister Dunlop from Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

Chair Mai presented correspondence from Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board for information. It was determined communications would be shared with Board members for information.

7. Trustee Membership (Standing Item)

Discussion considered the vacancy on the Accessibility Working Group. It was determined information would be provided about the committees meeting times, and the role of Trustees on the committee at the next committee meeting for review.

8. Trustee's Office Financial Report (Standing Item)

The Trustee's monthly financial report was provided in the package for information.

The meeting stood at ease.

a. 2025 Public Education Symposium PD Request

The committee reviewed the PD requests for OPSBA's 2025 Public Education Symposium from January 24-25 in Toronto.

Discussion considered Trustee PD funding allocation, transportation, accommodation costs, and the number of workshops being offered.

Trustees discussed the value of professional development as well as the in-year deficit and action being taken in various departments to address the deficit.

The following motions were moved and ADOPTED:

THAT PD funds up to the amount of \$2,500 be approved for Trustee McGahey, to attend the 2025 Public Education Symposium from 2024 January 24-25.

Trustee Pizzolato abstained from following the vote.

THAT PD funds up to the amount of \$2,500 per Trustee be approved for Trustees Morell, Pizzolato, Moore, and Larsen to attend the 2025 Public Education Symposium from 2024 January 24-25.

THAT Trustees who participate in board-funded PD shall complete a written PD Reflection Form, which is a condition for future PD funding approval.

The following recommendation was moved and CARRIED:

THAT the adult Trustee PD funds be reduced to \$2500 per Trustees for the 2024-2025 year;

and THAT the remaining funds be allocated to address the funding deficit.

9. Other Business (Standing Item)

None.

10. In-Camera (Standing Item)

The committee moved in-camera at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 3:43 p.m.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations:

THAT the adult Trustee PD funds be reduced to \$2500 per Trustees for the 2024-2025 year;

and THAT the remaining funds be allocated to address the funding deficit.

Beth Mai
Committee Chair

Recording Secretary: DH