

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 7:38 p.m.
London Room

Trustees

D. Cripps
L. Hopkins (-7:17)
M. Larsen
B. Mai
G. McGahey (+6:09)
S. Moore
A. Morell
L. Osbourne (Vice Chair)
L. Pizzolato
S. Polhill
C. Sachs
B. Smith (Chair)
M. Ruddock
E. Park
S. Vimal
L. Westlake

Administration and Others

K. Auckland, Superintendent
J. Beynon, Superintendent
J. Bruce, Superintendent
S. Builder, Superintendent
A. Canham, Superintendent
K. Crawford, Superintendent
C. Giannacopoulos, Superintendent
S. Powell, Superintendent
P. Sydor, Superintendent
B. Tucker, Interim Director of Education
T. Vacante, Superintendent
K. Wilkinson, Interim Associate Director
D. Wright, Superintendent

L. Andersen, Manager (-6:53)
K. Lambert, Manager (-6:53)
S. Gingras, Communications
Specialist
L. Kite, Board Services Assistant

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

The agenda was approved as printed.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2024 November 5 meeting were approved as printed.

4. Unfinished Business

None.

5. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Smith presided over the election of the 2025 Program and School Services Advisory (PASSA) Committee Vice Chair and called for nominations.

Trustee Osbourne was acclaimed to the position of Vice Chair of the PASSA Committee for the term ending 2025 November 30.

6. Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan Update

Superintendent Wright, and Managers Andersen and Lambert provided a PowerPoint presentation for information on the Mental Health and Addiction Action Plan Update focusing on the alignment of the Action Plan to the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Administration addressed questions of clarification regarding the tracking of student mental health absences through School Messenger, the details regarding implementation of the PreVenture Program and the resources available within pilot schools, outcomes of the current strategies for addressing student mental health and addictions, communicating the Enhancing Mental Health promotional materials to multilingual learners, the engagement of Student Trustees in the Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan, the implementation process to identify students who would benefit from the plan, and the outcomes for the social work assignment related to system navigation and Social Work Internship Team pilot projects.

It was noted that an annual update on the Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan will be provided at a future PASSA Committee meeting.

7. EQAO Update

Interim Associate Director Wilkinson, and Superintendents Auckland, Bruce, Builder, Giannacopoulos, and Vacante provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of key actions that have occurred throughout the fall following the release of 2023-2024 TVDSB Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results.

Administration addressed questions of clarification regarding the language the EQAO test is using for Grade 3 and 6 French Immersion students, shifting the focus from EQAO results to enhanced student outcomes, the process to provide parents access to the EQAO practice tests, the EQAO results in relation to the governance role of Trustees, and the process to share EQAO results with school councils.

Trustees interested in visiting priority schools are to contact the Superintendent for that school.

Administration will provide the Trustees with a list of Math priority schools within their area.

Trustees requested the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) EQAO results be brought to a future PASSA Committee meeting.

Priority school principals will be invited to a future PASSA Committee meeting.

8. Questions and Comments by Members (Standing Item)

None.

9. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting date is scheduled for 2025 February 4.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

BRUCE SMITH
Committee Chair

Recorder: LK