

**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 11, 2025
6:00 p.m. – 7:16 p.m.
London Room, Education Centre**

TRUSTEES

D. Cripps
L. Hopkins
M. Larsen
B. Mai
G. McGahey
A. Morell
S. Moore
L. Osbourne (+6:50)
L. Pizzolato
S. Polhill
M. Ruddock

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

B. Tucker, Interim Director of Education
K. Wilkinson, Associate Director
J. Bruce, Superintendent (-6:36)
A. Canham, Superintendent (-6:36)
C. Giannacopoulos, Superintendent (-6:36)
L. Griffith-Jones, Superintendent
C. Lynd, Superintendent
T. Vacante, Superintendent (-6:36)
S. Macey, Manager, Financial Services (-6:36)
K. Rea, Communications (-6:36)
S. Hickson, Board Services

STUDENT TRUSTEES

E. Park (-6:36)
L. Westlake (-6:36)
S. Vimal (-6:36)

REGRETS

B. Smith

ABSENT

C. Sachs

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Morell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was approved as printed on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the January 14, 2025 public and in-camera meetings were approved as printed.

4. Unfinished Business

None.

5. March Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee Meeting

The committee discussed the calling of the March 18, 2025 Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee (PAPA) meeting. It was noted that the meeting was scheduled due to items on the PAPA Committee Workplan that need to be discussed.

A question was addressed by Administration regarding an update on the International Student Program Report.

It was suggested that a discussion on the format and level of detail provided in the budget as well as a report on staff absence trends be added to the PAPA Committee Workplan.

6. PAPA Workplan (Standing Item)

This item was discussed as part of item #5.

7. Financial Update (Standing Item)

a. December 31, 2024 Interim Financial Reporting

Superintendent Lynd and Manager Macey presented the December 31, 2024 Interim Financial Reporting. It was noted that the deficit remains the same as reported in January, 2025.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding Ministry of Education funding for new school builds and Trustee advocacy for funding.

8. Facility Services and Capital Planning (Standing Item)

None.

9. Capital Priorities and Projects Update (Standing Item)

None.

10. Student Transportation (Standing Item)

a. STS Board Service Agreement

Superintendent Lynd presented the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Services (STS) Board Service Agreement for approval. It was noted that the programs remain the same for next year.

Discussion included bus stop location safety and funding from the Ministry of Education related to transportation services.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding public advocacy to STS, bus monitors, and the quality of the services provided by STS.

It was noted that Administration will inform the STS of the Trustees' request to include more references to safety in their Definition of Services and Service Design Standards.

Feedback was captured by S. Macey.

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

THAT the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Services (STS) Service Agreement for 2025-26, as amended, be approved.

b. STS Board Update

Superintendent Lynd presented the STS Board Update for information.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding routing simulations and discussions about safety at STS Board meetings.

It was decided that a STS presentation to the PAPA Committee would be added to the PAPA Workplan.

11. Human Resources (Standing Item)

None.

12. Questions and Comments by Members (Standing Item)

On motion, the committee moved in-camera at 6:36 p.m., reconvening in public session at 7:16 p.m.

13. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025.

14. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Recommendations:

THAT the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Services (STS) Service Agreement for 2025-26, as amended, be approved.

Arlene Morell
Committee Chair

Recording Secretary: SH