

**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
THAMES VALLEY PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**2025 November 12, 6:03 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Board Room**

MEMBERS

M. Ahmed, Parent Member
F. Bhanpurawala, Parent Member
P. Chrisjohn, Indigenous Parent Member
T. Cuffy, Parent Member
D. Dabrowski, Parent Member
P. Grewal, Parent Member
J. Kloss, Parent Member (+6:23)
K. McFarland, Parent Member
B. Noble, Community Member
C. Pallin Cartwright, Parent Member
N. Stinson, Parent Member
H. Turner, Parent Member
V. Veenendaal, Parent Member

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

B. Tucker, Director of Education
S. Builder, Superintendent
K. Martin, Principal
C. Smith, Principal
L. Andersen, Manager, Student Mental Health (-6:51)
L. Kite, Board Services

ABSENT

K. Draper Quinn, Community Member
A. Hatchard, Parent Member

REGRETS

H. Kaur, Community Member

1. Call to Order

Chair Cuffy called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Without objection, the agenda was approved as printed.

4. Minutes of the 2025 October 8 Meeting

Without objection, the minutes were approved as printed.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Members Welcomed

Chair Cuffy welcomed parent members Maria Ahmed (London Ward 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13), Kelly McFarland (Oxford County), Coby Veenendaal (Elgin County) and Camille Pallin Cartwright (Middlesex County) to the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC).

7. Presentations

a. School Mental Health Information

Manger Andersen provided a PowerPoint presentation and handout for information on the Mental Health and Addictions Strategy Plan (2026-2029) and One-Year Action Plan (2025-2026).

The presentation outlined the Aligned and Integrative Model (AIM) in providing school mental health supports and services, the tiered model of interventions, addiction and equity, student mental health and addiction current needs and trends, a summary of student needs, the parent and caregiver engagement initiatives, and the upcoming parent and caregiver mental health and the well-being conference.

Administration addressed questions of clarification regarding the funding and resources challenges pertaining to mental health collaborations with the community, the supports provided for students, parents, caregivers, and school staff, the inclusion of special education within the presentation, and the supports for parents and caregivers with special needs students.

8. Debrief on the School Council Onboarding Sessions

Superintendent Builder provided an update on the three School Council Onboarding sessions held last month, noting that the three sessions were well received.

TVPIC members were thanked for their participation.

Superintendent Builder shared that similar onboarding sessions will be organized for principals, with Superintendents invited to participate.

Feedback from the School Council onboarding sessions was reviewed with the committee.

9. Parent/Caregiver Discussion Topics from Members (Standing Item)

Committee member Turner noted that a networking session in her wards is scheduled for 2025 November 24.

10. Member Updates from TVDSB Representatives (Standing Item)

a. Director/Superintendent Update

Director Tucker noted updates continue to be provided to the Supervisor weekly and biweekly to the Ministry of Education (“Ministry”).

Director Tucker shared his reflections of the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Jack Chambers Public School.

Director Tucker shared highlights of his attendance at a cyber safety workshop and asked the committee if they would be interested in hosting a similar session through TVPIC. The committee agreed to proceed.

Superintendent Builder provided an update on elementary parent/teacher interviews, early kindergarten registration, the 2025 Welcome to High School in TVDSB-Grade 8 Virtual Family Night Session, Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) math session, and Remembrance Day Ceremonies at schools.

Director Tucker invited the committee to suggest potential changes or new initiatives that he could bring to TVPIC. The committee provided feedback.

In response to a question, Superintendent Builder will provide the committee with a list of community speakers to support TVPIC engagement sessions.

b. Indigenous Representative Update

Indigenous member Chrisjohn highlighted the process for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) students requiring mental health supports, an upcoming information meeting at Saunders Secondary School regarding Indigenous Council goals, and the organization of a parent engagement meeting within the communities.

Indigenous member Chrisjohn expressed appreciation for the Native Centre programs at Strathroy District Collegiate Institute.

Discussion included how Indigenous parents may address incentives provided to students for school attendance through the Oneida Education Office.

c. Chair Update

None.

11. Subcommittee Updates (Standing Item)

a. Finance Subcommittee

Committee member Grewal provided an update on the finances for TVPIC, including Parent Involvement Funds (PIF).

It was noted that Superintendent Builder will provide the committee with information regarding the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grant funding opportunity.

b. Nomination Subcommittee

None.

c. Bylaw Subcommittee

Committee member Harpreet advised the committee that section 2.5 of the working draft TVPIC Bylaws, prepared by the bylaw subcommittee, would not be reviewed at this meeting.

Attention was directed to the existing TVPIC bylaws, with the committee asked to review section 6.0 membership terms and dates.

The TVDSB Bylaws, existing TVPIC Bylaws and the working draft TVPIC Bylaws are located on the TVPIC TEAMS channel.

12. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting date is 2026 April 8.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Recommendations: **None.**

Thompson Cuffy
Committee Chair

Recording Secretary: LK