



Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Location: Virtual

Present: D. Alton, S. Binstock, G. Brohman, J. Byrne, L. Clodd, A. Evans-Turnbull, B. Hunter, D. Morrison, B. Reain, J. Saunders, C. Wilcox

Administration: J. Andreasen, T. Ellis, P. Goldring, W. Hahn, T. Hubbert, J. Johnston, J. MacJanet, D. Raglin, K. Williams

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Reain shared the Land Acknowledgement.

3 Declaration of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of possible conflict of interest.

4 Delegations/Presentations

There were no delegations or presentations.

5 Approval of Agenda/Additions

Moved by Trustee Brohman, seconded by Trustee Byrne, that the agenda be approved.
Carried.

6 Administrative Reports

6.1 Administrative Reports for Action- Written

6.1.a HR-4504 Self-Funded Leave Plan Requests Policy

Superintendent Hubbert reviewed the recent changes made to the HR-4504 Self-Funded Leave Policy.

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Wilcox that the HR-4504 Self-Funded Leave Policy be approved

6.1.b OP-6550 Physical Intervention Guidelines Policy

Superintendent Johnston reviewed the recent changes made to the OP-6550 Physical Interventions Guidelines Policy.

Moved by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Reain that the OP-6550 Physical Intervention Guidelines Policy be approved.

6.1.c OP-6530 Threat and Risk Assessment and Response Policy

Superintendent Goldring reviewed the recent changes made to the OP-6530 Threat and Risk Assessment and Response Policy.

Moved by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Wilcox, that the OP-6530 Threat and Risk Assessment and Response Policy be approved.

6.2 Administrative Reports for Information- Verbal

6.2.a Fenelon Falls Hydro Update

Superintendent Ellis shared a verbal update with Trustees on the status of the new hydro lines at FFSS, which were made necessary when a public individual's tri-axle trailer hit a hydro poll near the school in fall 2021.

6.2.b Committee Update: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Superintendent Johnston shared an overview of the January 7, 2022 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting.

6.2.c System Update

COVID-19 Update

Director Hahn and Superintendent Goldring shared an update with Trustee related to the current period of remote learning, and the plan for return to in-person learning. Information highlighted included:

- Return from Holiday Break
On January 4, 2022, all school boards were moved to remote learning until at least January 17, 2022
 - Thank you to special education staff and administrators who have been in some of our elementary and secondary schools since January 10 supporting in-person learning for students with special education needs whose learning needs cannot be accommodated via the remote learning model
- Return to in-person learning
There is a government announcement scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 where the Minister of Education is expected to confirm the return to school in-person on January 17. Communication to families will occur following the official announcement
- Requirement to screen daily
Staff and students are required to self-screen daily prior to attending work or school. If a student exhibits any symptoms they cannot attend school; if one member of household exhibits symptoms, all members of the household must isolate regardless of vaccination status. Specific directions are available in the screener.

- Potential to move to temporary remote learning
Schools may need to move to temporary remote learning in the event there are multiple absences or illnesses of staff or students in a school, class or cohort. Communication protocols and plans for notification to families are underway in the event a temporary move is required. Families should be prepared with a contingency plan in the event a temporary move to remote learning is required for a class and/or a school
- COVID-19 equipment and supplies
TLDSB received a number of additional HEPA filters
We expect N95 masks to arrive prior to the return to in-person learning
3 ply masks will be available to students as needed
- Data collection and contact tracing
Public Health Units advised that they will no longer be collecting and publishing cases numbers or engaging in contact tracing in schools; school boards are awaiting further information regarding whether there is a duty to report individuals who are absent due to illness or exhibiting symptoms of illness
- Semester model in February 2022
The Ministry of Education and Public Health Units have confirmed that, at this point, there are no changes to the directive that boards can move to a semester system starting in February
- Student absences
If a student is absent due to illness, isolation, or if their family chooses for them to remain home, students can access learning materials and assignments on their online classroom asynchronously
- Vaccination clinics
A number of vaccination clinics specific to educators and school-based staff have been offered by the province and by our local public health units
- PCR tests and Rapid Antigen Tests
There will be a limited number of provincially-provided PCR tests that schools can send home with individuals who are sent home because they are displaying symptoms of illness during the day. These tests are self-administered and delivered to an identified pharmacy for processing.
Boards are expecting a delivery of rapid antigen tests for distribution later this month
- Pause on extra-curricular activities and high contact sports
There will be a temporary pause on extracurricular activities when students return to in-person learning which will be reevaluated on a regular basis in alignment with directives received by the Chief Medical Officer of Health or Ministry of Education
- Lockers
Lockers in elementary and secondary schools will reopen in February 2022.

Superintendent Hubbert shared an update in relation to COVID-19 and TLDSB Staff:

- Vaccination
Positive uptake with staff in terms of engaging in vaccinations; 92% are fully vaccinated
Staff attended the clinics offered by the local public health units
- Staffing
Goal is to ensure have adequate supply coverage, business continuity plans, and support for staff who are off due to illness or isolation

Superintendent Johnston shared information regarding in-person supports for students with special education needs whose learning needs cannot be met or accommodate via remote learning:

- Support for students with special needs
The Ministry of Education advised that boards could open classes in-person for students with special needs whose needs could not be met via a remote learning model. 186 students were eligible to return to in-person learning which started in TLDSB on January 10, 2022. Thank you to transportation services, administrators and special education staff for getting programs operational

Superintendent MacJanet shared information about the Emergency Child Care (ECC) being provided to essential workers by local partners:

- Childcare
Emergency childcare for essential workers is being offered during the current period of remote learning via local Childcare providers. School boards are acting as partners in providing space when requested to do so by the operating programs. TLDSB has been working with Childcare Municipals Service Managers (CMSMs) to assist get programs operational where partners have been able to secure staffing.

Student Census Update

- Superintendent Johnston shared that the launch of Student Census, originally scheduled for January 17, 2022 will be postponed as there is currently a multitude of communication occurring regarding return to in-school.

7 Trustee Reports

7.1 Student Trustee Reports

G7 Student Senate Report

Student Trustee Ben Hunter shared information about the recent activities of the G7 Student Senate.

OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee Alexia Turnbull shared information about the recent activities of OSTA-AECO, including an overview of the work of the OSTA-AECO Equity and Inclusion working group.

7.2 Trustee Committee Reports for Information- Verbal

- 7.2.a** Trustee Clodd shared an OPSBA update with Trustees, including a reminder of the OPSBA Virtual Public Education Symposium on January 28, 2022

7.3 Trustee two-minute updates- Verbal

Trustee Brohman shared congratulations to the Senior Team for their hard work during the pandemic, and also thanked the staff working in the education centres.

7.4 Trustee Additions to the Agenda

There were no Trustee additions to the agenda.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Public Questions and Comments

As the meeting (for the public) was streamed virtually, any questions are to be directed to our Communications Department via info@tldsbc.on.ca

10 Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Location: Virtual

Time: 6:30 p.m.

11 Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Byrne, Seconded by Trustee Clodd, that the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Carried.

Stephen Binstock, Vice- Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary

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