



Regular Meeting of the Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Location: Virtual
Present: D. Alton, S. Binstock, G. Brohman, J. Byrne, A. Evans-Turnbull, B. Hunter, D. Morrison, B. Reain, J. Saunders, C. Wilcox
Administration: J. Andreasen, T. Ellis, 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 Clodd 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

Trustee Clodd requested an addition under section 9.4 Trustee Additions to the Agenda. Chair Reain added item 9.4a: Discussion regarding cohorting and school closures on Inclement Weather Days.

Motion #22-02-49

Moved by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Clodd, that the agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

6 Board Action Items

6.1 Approval: Board Meeting Minutes dated January 25, 2022

Motion #22-02-50

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Wilcox, that the Board Meeting Minutes dated January 25, 2022 be approved.
Carried.

6.2 Adoption: Committee of the Whole Minutes dated February 8, 2022

Motion #22-02-51

Moved by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Brohman, that the Committee of the Whole Minutes dated February 8, 2022 be approved.

Carried.

6.3 Recommendations from the February 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion #22-02-52

Moved by Trustee Binstock, seconded by Trustee Byrne, that the OP-6010 Anti Sex Trafficking Protocol Policy be approved.

Carried.

Motion #22-02-53

Moved by Trustee Binstock, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that the HR-4005 Employee Assistance Program Policy be approved.

Carried.

Motion #22-02-54

Moved by Trustee Binstock, seconded by Trustee Brohman, that the HR-4045 Disability Management Policy be approved.

Carried.

Motion #22-02-55

Moved by Trustee Binstock, seconded by Trustee Wilcox, that Trustees rescind the BD-2003 Character Development Policy.

Carried.

Motion #22-02-56

Moved by Trustee Binstock, seconded by Trustee Byrne, that the 2021-2022 first quarter (Q1) report be approved.

Carried.

6.4 Recommendations from In-Camera

There were no recommendations from In-Camera.

7 System Update

7.1 Director's Recognition Award

Director Hahn presented Director's Recognition Awards to Special Education Resource Teacher at Stuart Baker Elementary School Katie Bjelis, and Learning Resource Centre/ Employee Services Clerk Wendy King.

7.2 Presentation: Arts in VLC

Superintendent Kim Williams introduced Principal Jeremy Cadeau-Mark and VLC Teachers Reuben Maughan and Kathryn Blackthorne who shared information regarding the Visual Arts Program that is being offered through the Virtual Learning Centre (VLC).

7.3 Director's Update

Director Hahn shared the following updates

- February 23, 2022 is Pink Shirt Day, encouraging individuals to stand up to bullying. The initiative supports TLDSB's commitment to safe schools and equity and inclusion and will be recognized across the Board.
- The Ministry of Education recently released their Learning Recovery Action Plan and Priority and Partnership Funding (PPF) and Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding for 2022-2023. There were 5 commitments highlighted in the Learning and Recovery Plan including:
 - Measure and assess by reintroducing provincial EQAO assessments after a two-year pause to better understand student learning levels and additional opportunities for support going forward;
 - Strengthen numeracy and literacy skills by investing funding in summer learning with expanded opportunities for targeted student populations, funding to support de-streaming and funding for reading intervention programs and professional assessments;
 - Focus on student resilience and mental well-being by providing an additional funding for enhanced supports,
 - Deliver comprehensive tutoring supports through school boards, including in partnership with local community organizations,
 - Modernize education to better prepare students for job and life skills by investing over funding in the 2022-23 school year.
- TLDSB is continuing our leadership development program for aspiring leaders and for experienced principals. The purpose is to strengthen essential instructional and operational knowledge, support system alignment and coherence, and support system leadership and succession planning.
- The Ontario Human Rights Commission Report: The Right to Read is scheduled to be released sometime in February 2022.

8 Administrative Reports

8.1 Administrative Reports for Action: Written

8.1.a School Year Calendar 2022-2023

Superintendent Williams shared the proposed 2022-2023 school year calendar with Trustees for approval.

Motion #22-02-57

Moved by Trustee Wilcox, seconded by Trustee Binstock, that the Board approve the 2022-2023 Elementary School Year Calendar and the Secondary School Year Calendar, and, that the proposed 2022-2022 Elementary and Secondary school year calendars be submitted to the Ministry of Education for further approval.

Carried.

8.1.b Committee Report: Finance Committee

Superintendent Ellis shared information with Trustees about the most recent Finance Committee Meeting that occurred on February 17, 2022. Topics discussed included procurement, risk management, the Q1 Treasurer's Report, the Facility Conditions Index, and the February 17, 2022 release of the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) by the Ministry of Education.

9 Trustee Reports

9.1 Student Trustee Reports

9.1.a G7 Student Senate Report

Student Trustee Hunter shared an update with Trustees regarding the recent actions and initiatives of the G7 student senate. A focus of the most recent meeting included discussion of student priorities as outlined in the Strategic Plan

9.1.b OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee Evans-Turnbull shared an update with Trustees regarding the recent actions and initiatives of OSTA-AECO including a summary of the February 2022 OSTA-AECO meeting and subcommittee meetings.

9.2 Trustee Committee Reports for Information- Written

9.2.a SEAC Report

Trustee Alton shared information regarding the recent activities of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

9.3 Trustee Committee Reports for Information- Verbal

9.3.a OPSBA Report

Trustee Clodd shared OPSBA update with Trustees.

9.4 Trustee Additions to Agenda

9.4.a Discussion regarding cohorting and school closures on Inclement Weather Days

Trustee Clodd shared recent questions that she has received from parents/guardians and staff asking when schools may return to being open on inclement weather (school bus cancellation) days. Information was also requested about cohorting rules.

Director Hahn shared information related to the 2020 decision to close schools on inclement weather days at the advice of the local public health units in order to support COVID-19 protocols. Director Hahn also reiterated that TLDSB follows the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Public Health Units and/or the Ministry of Education relation to COVID-19 protocols.

All Trustees took the opportunity to share the feedback that they have heard from the community related to schools being closed on inclement weather days.

10 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11 Public Questions and Comments

As the meeting was in a virtual live-streamed format the public was asked to address any questions or comments to info@tlds.on.ca

12 Next Meeting

Date: March 22, 2022- Board Meeting

Location: MEC

Time: 6:30 p.m.

13 Adjournment

Motion #22-02-58

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Byrne, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Carried.

Bruce Reain, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary

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