



Minutes

Municipality of Thames Centre Local School Advisory Committee

March 19, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
Municipal Office - Council Chambers
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON

Members Present:	M. Smibert, Chair/Council Representative S. McMillan, Vice-Chair/Council Representative G. Armstrong, Community Representative S. Taylor, Community Representative K. Brown, Community Representative K. Empey, Community Representative N. Delorey, Community Representative
Members Absent:	K. Hallman, Community Representative
Staff Present:	D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer A. Storrey, Director of Planning and Development Services M. Ramnanan, Communications Manager S. Henshaw, Recording Secretary
Others Present	A. Morell, Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Trustee

1. Call To Order

Chair Smibert called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution # LSAC-001-25

Moved by: S. McMillan

Seconded by: N. Delorey

THAT the March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Local School Advisory Committee **BE APPROVED** as presented.

Carried.

3. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. **Previous Minutes**

Resolution # LSAC-002-25

Moved by: G. Armstrong

Seconded by: S. McMillan

THAT the minutes of the Local School Advisory Committee meeting held on September 18, 2024 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

5. **Presentations/Delegations**

5.1 **Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) - Updates**

A. Morell, Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Trustee, Middlesex County, was in attendance to provide a verbal report.

A. Morell stated she is not speaking on behalf of, nor does she represent the Thames Valley District School Board. Her opinions are her own as an elected Trustee in Middlesex County, and not necessarily that of the Board.

A. Morell discussed the comprehensive audit currently being conducted by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and advised that results would be available in April with recommendations.

A. Morell answered the Committee's questions regarding how TVSDB is addressing its financial deficits, through the approved proceeds of land disposition and administrative reductions.

A. Morell explained TVDSB's financial obligations to employees who have a Canada Pension Plan (CPP) which isn't funded by the MOE.

A. Morell explained the model of "projecting bums in seats" and the impact on the budget when over or under projecting the number of students at each school.

The Committee discussed the impact on students' Individual Education Plans (IEP's) when classes are removed from their schedules.

The Committee discussed the funding request for the expansion of West Nissouri Public School in Thorndale (also related to Agenda Items 8.a. and 8.b. under "Correspondence").

The Committee discussed the potential benefits of reducing the size of the TVDSB by splitting it into smaller-sized school boards.

A. Morell advised of TVDSB's upcoming Community Planning and Facility Collaboration Opportunities Meeting for Middlesex County on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, for TVDSB to share accommodation planning information and foster partnerships with municipal and community colleagues.

A. Storrey, Director of Planning and Development Services, agreed to provide development mapping and information on behalf of the Municipality of Thames Centre.

Resolution # LSAC-003-25

Moved by: G. Armstrong

Seconded by: K. Empey

THAT the verbal report provided by A. Morell, TVDSB Trustee, Middlesex County, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

6. Reports of Staff

6.1 2025 Proposed Meeting Dates

S. Henshaw, Recording Secretary, presented Report No. LSAC-001-25.

The Committee discussed the proposed meeting dates and how they would align with TVDSB budget timelines.

The Committee discussed the benefits of changing the June 18 meeting to May 14.

Resolution # LSAC-004-25

Moved by: K. Empey

Seconded by: K. Brown

THAT Report No. LSAC-001-25 **BE RECEIVED** for information;

AND THAT the following schedule of remaining meeting dates for 2025 **BE APPROVED:**

- Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Carried.

7. Committee Business

No items.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Letter from the Mayor to Provincial Ministers - West Nissouri Public School Expansion (February 14, 2025)

8.2 Letter from the Mayor to the Minister of Education - West Nissouri Public School Expansion (October 18, 2023)

Resolution # LSAC-005-25

Moved by: N. Delorey

Seconded by: K. Brown

THAT Correspondence Items 7.a. and 7.b. **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

9. Unfinished Business

No items.

10. New Business

No items.

11. Scheduling of Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Resolution # LSAC-006-25

Moved by: G. Armstrong

Seconded by: S. McMillan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

Carried.