



**Chair:** Trustee Bruce Smith, Elgin County

**TVDSB Personnel:** S. Mark, *Superintendent of Facility Services & Capital Planning*  
 C. Henriquez, *Manager, Capital Projects*  
 H. Gerrits, *Manager, Early Years*  
 C. Kent, *Planner*  
 L. Cutler, *GIS / Planning Technician*  
 K. Gleeson, *Administrative Assistant*  
 L. Luo, *Co-op Student, Planning*

**Trustees:** Chair A. Morrell, Middlesex County  
 M. Ruddock, Elgin County

**Community Organization and Municipal Representatives in attendance:**

Tom Marks	Central Elgin
Teresa Sulwoski	City of St. Thomas
John Fitzgibbons	CMSM – St. Thomas / Elgin
Julie Gonyou	County of Elgin
Pam Wardell	Dutton Co-op Child Care Centre
Eugenio DiMeo	Township of Malahide
Dominique Giguère	Township of Malahide
Tanya Hutchinson	Milestones Children’s Centre
Cora Burns	Milestones Children’s Centre
Paul Shipway	Municipality of Bayham
Sally Martyn	Municipality of Central Elgin
Richard Leatham	Municipality of West Elgin
Taraesa Tellier	Municipality of West Elgin
Heather James	Municipality of West Elgin/Southwold
Dave Mennill	Township of Malahide

TVDSB shared planning information through a PowerPoint presentation. Presentation outlined Ministry of Education updates, overview of student accommodation planning, overview of capital planning and facility collaboration opportunities.

The meeting included open dialogue on the following topics:

- Enrolment trends in Elgin as they relate to proposed development and policy direction
- Opportunity for collaboration, local insight and continued conversations
- French Immersion programming delivery and the on-going program delivery review
- Ministry expectation of school sizes and TVDSB’s commitment to work with the Ministry as part of the development of business cases
- Rural schools and program offerings, including attendance areas, transportation and local advisory opportunities; identified need for a rural strategy
- Political / trustee advocacy with the province

### **Listed Community Organization Questions and Discussion**

***S. Martyn: Requested to receive information from presentation ahead of time to prepare questions in advance. Requested clarification on how TVDSB enrolment projections are calculated.***

S. Mark and C. Kent: TVDSB calculates student yields with data from a number of sources, including development notices, however projected yields may take several years to substantiate. Confirmed that TVDSB is unable to proceed with new Pupil Accommodation Reviews.

C. Kent: Identified transitions both at the Ministry and internally. Planning staff are inputting and auditing development data over the summer months in preparation for fall enrolment projections.

C. Kent: Explore alternative methodologies for calculating enrolment projections with other Boards and internal colleagues. Planning staff will be pursuing conversations with community partners regarding the discussed items in the coming months.

***S. Marytn: Central Elgin has been attempting to get a reciprocal agreement in place with Kettle Creek PS and has not been successful. Asked for information on how to get agreement in place.***

S. Mark: Provided a brief update on the status of the conversation with the Municipality's legal representative and TVDSB's legal counsel.

***S. Marytn: Inquired about a possible expansion of French Immersion programming in West Elgin.***

C. Kent: TVDSB French Immersion Review Committee is looking at a number of options. Survey will be going out to all TVDSB parents to get a better idea of community needs.

***D. Mennill: Asked if TVDSB could speak to the potential size of the new Belmont school, the status of application to the Ministry and New Sarum PS staying open.***

C. Henriquez: TVDSB was expecting to receive information in June regarding business case submissions for Capital Priorities funding but has not yet received it. Criteria for new possible business case submissions remains unknown at this time.

***D. Giguère: Asked for clarification on the number of pupil places at a school and if they can decrease?***

S. Mark: Certain rooms are loaded differently. TVDSB is waiting to see the impact of proposed changes to classroom loading. The consultation closed at the end of May; no update available at this time.

***J. Gonyou: Discussed the importance of face-to-face meetings and her desire to work together with TVDSB.***

***R. Leatham: Expressed concern with secondary school programming in West Elgin, noting the number of students being bussed into the city for programs. Questioned if numbers are decreasing or if those students are going into the city for programming.***



C. Kent: Confirmed that TVDSB is committed to our rural schools and are looking for innovative ideas from community partners.

***T. Tellier: Asked about the plans for West Elgin Senior Elementary School and E-Learning for rural secondary students.***

S. Mark: On-going internal discussions about the future of West Elgin Senior Elementary School. Indicated that the TVDSB would be interested in exploring collaboration opportunities.

S. Mark: Confirmed that TVDSB is waiting for direction from the Ministry with respect to e-learning.

***T. Marks: Inquired regarding if TVDSB meets with local representatives. Commented on the unique difference between rural and city schools.***

Trustee Ruddock: Confirmed that Elgin Trustees meet with MPP Jeff Yurek regularly. Trustee Ruddock and Chair Morell also recognize that TVDSB would benefit from a rural strategy.

***D. Mennill: Thanked the staff and the trustees for a healthy discussion.***