

BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2025

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices, Room 200

7:00 p.m.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Sue Tiede (Chair), Roberta Hotinski, Robert Singh, Rachel Weil

Other Board Members: Todd Kantorczyk, Maryann Piccioni, Suan Audrain

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Patrick Gately, Mike Szymendera

Community Members: Jean Faber, Helesa Lahey, Nicole Scherer, Mimi Terman

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comment:

None

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from October 9, 2025.

The Committee received the **2025 Demographer's Report** from Mr. George Sundell of Sundance Associates. Highlights of the report were discussed. In the last six years, live births averaged 343 annually between a high of 374 and a low of 318. Moreover, the six-year trend is for 1 additional birth per year. In the period from 2010 to 2020, the population in the District grew by 7.8%.

Mr. Sundell shared information about new housing permits and occupancy rates. Permits for residential units have averaged 122 per year over the most recent 6 years. The 6-year average (2020-25) of sales of existing housing, at 556 units, has a stronger impact on enrollment than occupancies for new housing, which for the 6-year period 2019-24 averaged just 122 units per year. Also, future single family housing occupancies are anticipated to be at or below the previous 6-year average and are not yielding above the average new students. The report includes additional information on students from multi-family housing. Mr. Sundell explained that he used the 'Rutgers Multipliers', with adjustments, for multi-family dwellings along with his study of actual student yield from multi-family dwellings in TESD from 2017-22 to calculate the impact of new multi-family dwellings on enrollment. He commented that the reputation of TESD as a "District of Distinction" leads to more families moving into the District with school age students than in other PA municipalities.

Mr. Sundell reviewed TESD enrollment history, noting that over the 20-year period, enrollments have increased as a percentage of population from 13.7% in year 2000 to 16.2% in year 2020.

Mr. Sundell reviewed cohort survival rates by grade level, kindergarten to grade 12 replacement, and district enrollments and projections by level and by school, calling attention to the detailed explanations accompanying each enrollment chart and table. In particular, at the elementary level, four years of slight decreases in the actual period are followed by four years of slight increases in the projection period. Mr. Sundell answered questions from Committee members.

After answering questions, Mr. Sundell suggested two items be added to the Demographer's Report as addendum items: first, a projection for Kindergarten to reflect the increased enrollment in that grade level anticipated by the addition of full-day Kindergarten for the 2027-28 school year and, second, the "Cohort Survival Rates by Grade Level" information (contained in the 2024 Demographer's Report on page 13) to illustrate the survival rates from grade-level to grade-level, as well as the trend lines for cohort growth from K-12.

The Committee received the **Environmental Sustainability Update** from Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning. Dr. Towle shared the Environmental Sustainability Educational Enhancements across the District during the 2024-25 school year, including Conestoga's Greening Stoga Task Force's audit at Beaumont Elementary, the creation of outdoor learning spaces at the middle schools, elementary Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Science units, and information about the elementary gardens and expanded rainforest units of study. Dr. Towle shared that the PA Green Schools program, which had previously been federally funded, may now become a state-funded initiative, but that the work of the Green Schools Committee may continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next meeting: January 16, 2026