

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE & FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Date: May 23, 2023

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

At 3:30 Trustee M. Nardini, the Committee Chairperson called the meeting to order and invited Mr. L. Agro, Chairperson of the Board, to begin with a prayer.

ITEM 2 NOTING OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT, RESOLUTIONS EXCUSING ABSENCE

PRESENT:

Mrs. M. Nardini, Chairperson, Mr. L. Agro, Mr. J. Valvasori.

It was noted that regrets were received from Trustees Agostino and Homerski.

MOTION:

THAT THE ABSENCE OF TRUSTEES E. AGOSTINO AND P. HOMERKSI BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD: Mr. P.J. Daly

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

STAFF:

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education

Ms. C. Biundo, Secondary Consultant – Religion and Family Life

Ms. J. Curtis, Elementary Consultant- Religion and Family Life

Mr. T. Theriault, Adult Faith Animator

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. K. Krueger

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori  
SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

ITEM 4      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

ITEM 5      MOTIONS TO RECEIVE, MOTIONS OF REFERRAL COMMITTEE OR  
STAFF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND DELEGATIONS.

There was none.

ITEM 7      REPORTS

a)      Faith Day 2023

Ms. J. Angiolillo introduced the report. Mr. Theriault presented the report.  
He outlined this year's activities celebrated on March 3, 2023.

The four sessions offered were:

- Monasticism of the Heart
- Creating Sanctuary, selfcare rooted in faith
- Equity through the eyes of faith
- Fitness to fee the soul.

Over 2,700 staff provided positive feedback from the day.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, FAITH DAY 2023, DATED TUESDAY MAY 23,  
2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro  
SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

b)      Faith Formation and Religious Renewal update 2023

Ms. Angiolillo introduced the report. Mr. Theriault provided an overview  
of all the Faith formation activities that are offered. Principal's this year  
invited the adult faith animator to lead staff in school-based retreat.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS  
RENEWAL UPDATE 2023, DATED MAY 23, 2023 BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro  
SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

c) Pilgrimage 2023

The Pilgrimage was held on April 30, 2023 Ms. Curtis highlighted the pilgrimage activities. The theme was “Walk with Christ, Justice for the Poor”

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, PILGRIMAGE 2023, DATED MAY 23, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

d) Stewardship of Creation: EcoSchools Certification 2023

Ms. Curtis provided an update. 50 schools participated in EcoSchools. Application process. Mr. Daly commended Ms. Angiolillo and Ms. Curtis for their work on this project.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION: ECOSCHOOLS CERTIFICATION 2023, DATED MAY 23, 2023, BE RECEIVED

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

e) Catholic Education Week 2023

Ms. Biundo highlighted Catholic Education Week 2023. The following system/provincial activities took place:

- CEW/ Pilgrimage Mass
- Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day/Provincial mass
- CEW Food Drive
- OECTA and HWCDSB Trustee
- Intermediate scripture reading youth day at Bishop Ryan C.S.S
- CEW daily theme video posts
- OCSTA CEW resources

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2023, DATED MAY 23, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. L Agro

CARRIED

f) Student Faith Formation 2022-2023

Ms. Curtis and MS. Biundo presented the report. Student Faith formation activities were highlighted:

- On-site school mini-retreats.
- St John's Bible
- Passion for prayer day-through technology, music, hands and art
- Advent/Lent retreats
- Off-site school retreats
- Sacramental retreats

Chairperson Daly and Trustee Valvasori acknowledged the significant contribution of classroom teachers with regard to the faith formation and evangelization of students.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, STUDENT FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023, DATED MAY 23, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly

CARRIED

g) Christian Meditation

Ms. Biundo presented the report. The many forms of and opportunities of Christian meditation for staff and students were shared. Awareness of Christian meditation as a prayer form continues to grow within the HWCDSB.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, DATED MAY 23, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

h) HWCDSB Online Catholic space: Our Catholic Community

Ms. Biundo presented the report. She highlighted the benefits of the on-line platform to support the Catholic faith of the community.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCDSB ONLINE CATHOLIC SPACE: OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, DATED MAY 23, 2023, BE

RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori  
SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

ITEM 8      NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 9      NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 10     ADJOURNMENT

Trustee P. Daly moved adjournment at 4:32 p.m.

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Mrs. M. Nardini  
Chairperson

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Miss. J. Angiolillo  
Secretary