

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE & FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: February 7, 2024

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

At 1.33 pm Trustee M. Nardini, the Committee Chairperson called the meeting to order and invited Mr. J. Valvasori, to begin with a prayer.

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

Chairperson Nardini noted that regrets were received by Trustee's E. Agostino and P. Homerski.

MOTION:

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

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Nardini, Chairperson, Mr. L. Agro, and Mr. J. Valvasori.

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. N. Knoll

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 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE & FAITH
FORMATION COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2024

The Chairperson called for nominations.

MOTION:

THAT TRUSTEE J. VALVASORI BE NOMINATED AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE
RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE & FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2024.

NOMINATOR: Mr. P. Daly
SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

The Chairperson called for further nominations. There were none.

MOTION:

THAT THE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE RELIGION, FAMILY
LIFE & FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2024 BE CLOSED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly
SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

The Chairperson declared Trustee J. Valvasori Vice-Chairperson of the Religion,
Family Life & Faith Formation Committee for 2024.

ITEM 6 MOTIONS TO RECEIVE, MOTIONS OF REFERRAL COMMITTEE OR STAFF
COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND DELEGATIONS.

There was none.

ITEM 7 REPORTS

- a) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board CEFO Father Fogarty
Award Recipients 2022-2023

Ms. J. Angiolillo presented the report. She highlighted the criteria and
recipients for the 2022-2023 school year.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CEFO FATHER FOGARTY AWARD RECIPIENTS 2021-2022, DATED JANUARY 16, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

b) Home, Parish, School Relationship and Parents Reaching Out Initiatives 2023-2024

Ms. Angiolillo presented the report. She highlighted the home, parish, school relationship and PRO summary of projects per school site for 2023-2024.

A discussion period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HOME, PARISH, SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP AND PARENTS REACHING OUT INITIATIVES 2023-2024, DATED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

c) Faith Formation and Religious Renewal 2023-2024

Mr. T. Theriault presented the report and provided an update on faith formation and religious renewal for the 2023-2024 school year. He highlighted the following program pathways:

- NTIP Faith Formation
- Religious Renewal Courses
- Fall 2023 Overnight Silent Christian Meditation Retreat
- Catholic Leadership Development Program

A discussion took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS RENEWAL 2023-2024, DATED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori
SECONDER: Mr. P.J. Daly

CARRIED

d) Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Program Update

Ms. J. Angiolillo introduced the report. Ms. Biundo presented the report. She provided an update on the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ program. She discussed the most recent program, "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Kindergarten program.

Ms. Biundo provided an update on the renewal of the five-year digital license which has been purchased and effective from September 2023-August 2028.

A question and answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, GROWING IN FAITH, GROWING IN CHRIST PROGRAM UPDATE, DATED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

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

CARRIED

e) Family Life Education Curriculum 2023

Ms. J. Angiolillo introduced the report. Ms. Biundo presented the report and highlighted the Three Strands of the Family Life Curriculum:

- Families: A Living Communion of Love
- Families: Called to be in Relationship
- Families: Created in Love, Wonderfully Made

Ms. Biundo provided an overview of the Hope Expectations and the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations and highlighted examples of hope expectations by divisions:

- Primary Division (Grade 3)
- Junior Division (Grade 6)
- Intermediate Division (Grade 8)

MOTION:

- (i) THAT THE REPORT, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CURRICULUM 2023, DATED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

- (ii) THAT SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE PURCHASE OF AVAILABLE NEW FAMILY LIFE CURRICULUM RESOURCES BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE 2024/2025 BUDGET.

MOVER: Mr. P.J. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

f) Catholic Education Week Theme 2023-2024

Ms. Biundo presented the report. She highlighted this year's theme "We Are Called to Love." The theme is accompanied by five sub-themes, one for each of the five school days:

- Monday: As people of hope
- Tuesday: As people of faith
- Wednesday: As people of mercy
- Thursday: As people of justice
- Friday: As people of joy

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK THEME 2023-2024, DATED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P.J. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

g) When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference 2023

Ms. J. Angiolillo introduced the report. Ms. Biundo and Mrs. Curtis presented the report which was held on October 26-28, 2023 and highlighted this year's theme "AWAKE, ARISE, ANNOUNCE".

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, WHEN FAITH MEETS PEDAGOGY CONFERENCE 2023, DATED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

h) Secondary Student Council Leadership Retreat 2023-2024

Ms. Curtis presented the report. She shared the retreat activities on Sept 28th 2023 at the two-day event at Camp Brébeuf.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2023-2024, DATED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. P.J. Daly

CARRIED

ITEM 8 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 9 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee L. Agro moved adjournment at 2:40 p.m.

Mrs. M. Nardini
Chairperson

Miss. J. Angiolillo
Secretary