

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: January 24, 2023

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Committee Chairperson. P. Homerski called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m. Trustee A. D’Intino led the opening prayer.

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

It was noted regrets were received by Student Trustee P. Wallace.

MOTION:

THAT THE ABSENCE OF STUDENT TRUSTEE P. WALLACE BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D’Intino

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Homerski, Chairperson, Mrs. E. Agostino, Mr. L. Agro, Mr. A. D’Intino, Mrs. J. Angelini, Mrs. M. Nardini, Mr. J. Valvasori, Mr. M. Valvasori.

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Miss. A. Okpere

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

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian

STAFF:

Miss. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education

Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. K. Lazure-Valconi, Employee Assistance Counsellor- Pastoral Services

Mr. A. Romano, Superintendent of Human Resources

Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education

Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education

GUESTS

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager of Social Work Services

Mr. J. Curto, Project Lead for Special Education Services
Mr. T. Dalton, Certified Music Therapist
Ms. N. Donnell, Certified Music Therapist
Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and ABA Consultant
Ms. D. Peterson, Speech-Language Pathologist
Ms. M. Torsney, Manager, Speech-language and Hearing Services

RECORDING SECRETARY: Ms. 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 were none.

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

There were none.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

- a) 2022-2025 HWCDSB Mental Health and Addiction Strategy to Support Student Mental Health

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report and thanked Mrs. M. Hayes, Mental Health Lead for her dedication and hard work in implementing this plan. Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa presented the report. She outlined the goals and strategies of the plan to support and implement Mental Health needs.

The following organizational conditions are necessary:

- Commitment
- Mental Health Leadership Teams
- Assessment and Needs Capacity
- Communication and Shared Language
- Broad Collaboration

Trustee Daly thanked all involved in the report, he suggested that the Plan be amended to reflect the following on Page 7 The title - “Our Vision for Mentally Healthy, Inclusive and **Christ-centered classrooms and schools**” and add under the serving heading: All Students become caring and contributing members of their school and parish communities.

MOTION:

THAT THE AMENDED REPORT, 2022-2025 HWCDSB MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION STRATEGY TO SUPPORT STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH, DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mrs, M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

CARRIED

b) Special Education Services Update

Mrs. Ferrie introduced the report. Mrs. Maric presented the report. She provided an overview of the supports and services for students with special education needs. The report looked at three key highlights.

- Student Data
- SEA supports and additional supports to meet current special needs
- Professional Development for Staff

A discussion period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly

CARRIED

c) Speech, Language and Hearing Services

Mrs. T Ferrie introduced the report and expressed best wishes to Mrs, Torsney on her upcoming retirement. Mrs. Torsney presented the report. She provided an overview of the pilot project in the Speech Language and Hearing services department and the collaboration with music therapists. She explained how the Core Board Communication Tool has been effective in encouraging students to communicate and interact with their peers. She noted an increase of 50% in students who use a speech-generated device (SGD).

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SERVICES, DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Me. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

d) Parent Engagement Update 2022-2023

Ms. Angiolillo presented the report. She highlighted the three components for parent engagement funding;
Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Catholic School Council
Parents Reaching Out

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, PARENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE 2022-2023, DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

CARRIED

e) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board 30th Annual Parent Conference 2022-2023

Ms. Angiolillo presented the report. She highlighted the goals of the 2022-2023 Parent Conference. A survey will be shared with parents to help gather feedback for preferred dates and times and workshop topics.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 30th ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE 2022-2023, DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023 BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D'Intino

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

ITEM 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

Future agenda items.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee A. D’Intino moved adjournment at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. P. Homerski
Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary