

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: September 19,2023

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Vice Chairperson Mark Valvasori called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Trustee John Valvasori led the opening prayer.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Alyssia Perri and Jeleina Rasiah

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  
Mr. A. Cortina, Chief Information Officer  
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. J. Frank, Elementary Teacher  
Mrs. T Haworth, Transition Coordinator  
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education  
Mr. A. Romano, Superintendent of Human Resources  
Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. M. DiVittorio, Principal of Continuing Education  
Dr. L. Stanton, Manager Psychological Services  
Mrs. N. Crisante, Early Years K-3 Student Achievement Consultant  
Mrs. B. Hicks, Student Achievement Consultant Secondary  
Ms. E. Niemiec, Student Achievement Consultant Grades 4-8  
Mr. J. Madalena, Equal Opportunities Consultant

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. P Daly

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)      St. Charles Credit and Non-Credit Programs 2023

Presented by Mrs. S. Scime and M. DiVittorio. Mrs. Scime thanked Mrs. J. Frank, Mrs. T. Howarth, Ms. E. Niemiec, and Ms. B Hicks who played an integral role in supporting the summer programs. The report outlined all of the credit and non-credit programs offered through St Charles throughout the summer. A question and answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ST. CHARLES SUMMER CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT PROGRAMS REPORT 2023, DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

b)      Junior Academic Success Program Update 2022-2023

Mrs. T. Ferrie introduced the report. The goal of JASP is to address the needs of students in junior grades who are struggling with reading. Dr. L. Stanton presented the report. It provided an update on the 20 grade 5 students in the current program who have demonstrated great success. 90 % of students made two-year gains and 15 % of students made three-year gains. A discussion period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, JUNIOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM UPDATE: 2022-2023, DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mrs. J. Angelini

SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski

CARRIED

c) The Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-9 Language 2023 Update

Mr. Hucal introduced the report. Ms. B. Hicks and Mrs. N Crisante presented the report. The Grade 1-9 Curricula were highlighted. 4 Strands were identified they are:

- o A- Literacy connections applications
- o B- Foundations of Language
- o C- Comprehension
- o D- Composition

The key changes were outlined in both Elementary and Secondary. Chair Daly expressed concern about the lack of Catholic Identity and reference to faith resources being infused into the learning documents. A question and answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM, GRADES 1-9: LANGUAGE (2023) UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

d) Healthy Schools Certification

Mr. Hucal introduced the report. Mr. Madalena presented the report. He provided a review of the 2022-2023 Healthy Certification Process and the strategies used to support school's involvement. All schools in Canada can participate. To date 41 schools in the Board are involved. Community partners such as Public Health engage with the schools to support this important project. There is a HWCDSB/Public Health workshop at this year's summit in Ottawa in November 2023. A discussion period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HEALTHY SCHOOLS CERTIFICATION, DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

CARRIED

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ITEM 7      NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none

ITEM 8      NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 9      ADJOURNMENT

Trustee A. D’Intino moved adjournment at 6:32 p.m.

The trustees watched part 1 of the *OCSTA – Dignity of the Human Person*. Trustee PD Module Part 1 features a presentation by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins.

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Mr. M. Valvasori  
Vice-Chairperson

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Mr. M. Hucal  
Secretary