

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: October 17, 2023

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Vice Chairperson M. Valvasori called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. Trustee L. Agro led the opening prayer.

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

The Chairperson noted that regrets were received from Trustee P. Homerski.

MOTION:

THAT THE ABSENCE OF TRUSTEE P. HOMERSKI BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mrs J. Angelini

CARRIED

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

Ms. S. Bereziuk, Student Success Consultant

Ms. C. D’Elia, Secondary Principal

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Mr. B. Daly, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Math Lead  
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. J. Frank, Elementary Teacher  
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. N. Knoll

ITEM 3      APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. J. Angelini

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)      Focus on Youth Programs 2023

Ms. J. Angiolillo presented the report and thanked Ms. J. Frank, Kindergarten teacher at St. Luke CES who coordinated and facilitated the Focus on Youth Program. A video highlighted the following:

- Summer Learning and Recreation Programming;
- Targeted Mental Health Programming;
- Concurrent Training/Learning;
- Mentorship Support;

- Supports for Academic Achievement; and,
- Student Recognition

Mr. P. Daly commended Ms. J Angiolillo on her hard work and dedication. He had the opportunity to attend the final celebration and witnessed the joy in parents and Focus on Youth participants for the opportunity they were given to participate in the program.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, FOCUS ON YOUTH PROGRAM 2023, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori  
SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

b) Graduation Rate 2017-2018 Cohort

Mr. D. DiFrancesco introduced the report. Mrs. S. Bereziuk presented the report. She provided an analysis of the graduation rate 2017-2018 Cohort.

85% of students from the 2017-2018 cohort graduated in four years. This reflects a 1% decrease in the four-year graduation rate. The five-year graduation rate for the same cohort is 91%. This also reflects a 1% decrease over the previous cohort. A discussion period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, GRADUATION RATE – 2017-2018 COHORT, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro  
SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

c) HWCDSD Mathematics Improvement Action Plan

Mr. B. Daly presented the report. Mr. Daly outlined the HWCDSD Mathematics Improvement Plan which aligns with three priority actions outlined in the Ministry of Education's Taking Action in Mathematics' document:

- Fidelity of curriculum implementation and use of instructional and assessment practices with a proven track record of enhancing student achievement.

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- Engaging in on going learning to strengthen mathematics content knowledge for teaching.
- Knowing the mathematics learner and ensuring mathematical tasks, interventions and supports are relevant and responsive.

Based on 2020-21 EQAO data, the Ministry identified priority schools and classes for direct support through the program in Grade 3, 6, and 9.

A question-and-answer period ensued.

Trustee Pat Daly recommended the recommendation be revised to read “Be approved.”

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCDSB MATHEMATICS IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN, DATED OCTOBER 17, 2023, BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. A. D’Intino

CARRIED

d) Suspension, Expulsion, Refusal of Access Report 2022/23

Mrs. T. Kovach presented the report. The report outlined the total number of suspensions and expulsion in a disaggregated form for the 2022/23 school year compared to the 2021/2022 school year.

A question and answer period ensued.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND REFUSAL OF ACCESS, REPORT 2022/23, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

e) Special Education Audit and Accountability Update

Mrs. T. Ferrie presented the report. She highlighted the recommendations and next steps flowing from the audit of Special Education Services in the Board.

A question and answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SPECIAL EDUCATION AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE 2023, DATED OCTOBER 17, 2023, BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D'Intino

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

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 6:37p.m.

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Mr. M. Valvasori  
Vice-Chairperson

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Mr. M. Hucal  
Secretary