

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: February 20, 2024

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

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

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

It was noted regrets were received by Trustee P. Homerski and Student Trustee Jeleina Rasiah

PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Alyssia Perri

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

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian

STAFF:

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager, Social Work Services, Child and Youth Workers
Mr. B. Daly, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Math Lead
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education
Mr. J. Ivkovic, OYAP Recruitment Consultant
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and ABA Consultant
Mrs. E. Niemiec, Student Achievement Consultant, Grades 4-8
Mrs. T. Zupancic, Technology & Digital Learning Consultant, K-8

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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. A. D'Intino

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) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Mathematics Improvement Action Plan: Update

Mr. B. Daly presented the report. He provided an update on the three priority actions that have been taken thus far. Mr. B. Daly noted the eighteen high priority elementary schools chosen through Ministry mandate or past EQAO results are receiving support from one of six teacher math facilitators. Four secondary schools are receiving additional student support in mathematics from subject-specific student success teachers.

A question-and-answer period ensued.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MATHEMATICS IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN: UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. P.J. Daly

CARRIED

b) Student Success Intervention Update

Mr. B. Daly presented the report. He highlighted the strategies utilized in Student Success Intervention through:

- Pathways,
- Literacy Support,
- Math Support,
- Experiential Opportunities and;
- Ontario Skilled Trades and Secondary Subject Specific Student Success (Math).

A question and answer period ensued.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, STUDENT SUCCESS INTERVENTION UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

CARRIED

c) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Social Workers: Update 2023-2024

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report. Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa presented the report providing an overview of the 2022-2025 HWCDSB Mental Health and Addiction Strategy to Support Student Mental Health.

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa discussed The Aligned and Integrated Model (AIM) and highlighted the 3 Tiers:

- Tier 1: Mental health promotion effort offered in a universal way for all students
- Tier 2: Services for students who may be at risk and need more targeted interventions
- Tier 3: Intensive support for students with identified mental health challenges.

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa noted the AIM model has shifted in the community and now includes a 4th tier: Community – based and in-home treatment or in-patient/live-in treatment.

A question and answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SOCIAL WORKERS: UPDATE 2023-2024, DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini
SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

d) Special Education Services Update

Mrs. T. Ferrie introduced the report and Mrs. M. Maric presented the report. She provided an overview of the supports and services for students with special education needs.

The Special Education Programs and Services Department are embarking on a pilot program to introduce specific alternate curriculum courses into the secondary selection called Alternate learning for life (ALL) Two pilot schools are initiating the courses: Culinary Skills (KGL) and Personal Life Skills (KHI). Both are aligned with the Ontario Ministry of Education course codes for alternate (non-credit) courses.

Mrs. M. Maric 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 question and answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (FSL) AND FRENCH IMMERSION (FI) UPDATE 2023-2024, DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mrs. J. Angelini
SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

e) Experiential Learning Update - Elementary

Mr. Hucal introduced the report and commented on four questions to Creating

Pathways to Success:

- Who am I?
- What are my opportunities?
- Who am I called to be?
- What is my plan to achieving my goals?

Consultants, Mr. J. Ivkovic, Mrs. E. Niemiec and Mrs. T. Zupancic presented the report highlighting the centrally coordinated community-connected experiential learning opportunities that support STEM education and student awareness and understanding of the skilled trades.

A question and answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING UPDATE - ELEMENTARY, DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P.J. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

ITEM 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

It was noted Chairperson M. Valvasori requested a report with regards to AI.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee A. D'Intino moved adjournment at 6:55p.m.

Mr. M. Valvasori
Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary