

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE AND
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES MINUTES**

Date: January 16, 2018

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. A. Perri called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. in the Board Room of the Father Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mr. J. Baiardo led the opening prayer.

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

The Chairperson indicated that regrets were received from Mrs. C. Cornale.

MOTION:

THAT THE ABSENCE OF MRS. C. CORNALE BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

PRESENT: Mr. A. Perri, Chairperson
Mrs. M. Nardini, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. J. Baiardo, Mr. P. DiFrancesco Mr. A. D'Intino,
Mr. J. Valvasori, Mr. M. Valvasori.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD: Mr. P. Daly

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

OFFICIALS: Ms. J. Angiolillo, Mr. C. Ciapanna, Mrs. I. Fortino,
Mr. M. Hucal, Mrs. T. Kovach, Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian,
Mrs. S. Pizzuti, Mr. A. Romano, Mrs. S. Scime,
Mr. G. Tabone.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Miss M. D'Agostino

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. S. Giacinti

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

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MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. P. DiFrancesco

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: RELIGION AND FAMILY LIFE:

a) Christian Meditation

Mr. C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader-Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He explained how Christian Meditation has grown throughout the Board and continues to gain popularity among students and staff.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, DATED JANUARY 16, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. P. DiFrancesco

CARRIED

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

a) Mental Wellness: Promotion and Interventions

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced Ms. J. Fortino, Acting Mental Health Lead, Mrs. N. Crisante, Elementary School Consultant, and Mr. A. DeTullio, Principal of St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School.

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Assistant Superintendent of Education, thanked them for their contributions to this report and for their support. She introduced the report.

Ms. J. Fortino, Acting Mental Health Lead, presented the report. She provided an update on the following programs that promote mental health and wellness:

- Health Action Teams;
- Student Speak Up Project;
- Tools for Life;
- Roots of Empathy; and,
- Restorative Practice.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, MENTAL WELLNESS: PROMOTION AND INTERVENTIONS, DATED JANUARY 16, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori
SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

CARRIED

b) Mental Health Action Plan

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Ms. J. Fortino, Acting Mental Health Lead, presented the report. She outlined the three priorities of the Board's Action Plan for 2017-2018:

- Life Promotion & Suicide Prevention;
- Bullying Prevention; and,
- Student Engagement/voice.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN DATED JANUARY 16, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly
SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

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c) Active L.E.A.D. Recess

Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Mr. J. Madalena, Equal Opportunities Consultant, thanked Ms. L. Campanella, President of PLAYOGRACY, for her knowledge and guidance on this initiative. He presented the report.

He highlighted the benefits of the Active L.E.A.D. (Linking the School, Energy on the Playground, All Play, Dynamic Leaders) Recess.

A question and answer period ensued and the following motion was forthcoming:

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ACTIVE LEAD RECESS, DATED JANUARY 16 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

d) Summer Learning Program HWCDSB 2017

Mrs. A. Kovach, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Mr. A. DeTullio, Principal of St. John the Baptist, presented the report.

He updated the committee on the Summer Learning Program that was held at St. Michael, St. Martin of Tours and St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary Schools.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM HWCDSB 2017, DATED JANUARY 16, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. M. Valvasori

CARRIED

e) Suspension, Expulsion, Refusal of Access and Violent Incident Report 2016-2017

Mrs. A. Kovach, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager of Social Work Services, presented the report. She provided an update on the numbers of suspensions, expulsions, refusal of access and violent incidents for the 2016-2017 school year.

A question and answer period ensued and the following motion was forthcoming:

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, REFUSAL OF ACCESS AND VIOLENT INCIDENT REPORT 2016-2017, DATED JANUARY 16, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori
SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

f) Upcoming Agenda Items

Committee members were asked to submit agenda items to the Committee Secretary.

ITEM 8 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 9 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. M. Nardini moved adjournment at 6:29 p.m.

Mr. A. Perri
Chairperson

Mrs. T. Kovach
Secretary