

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Date: March 20, 2018

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. A. Perri, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Board Room of the Father Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mr. A. D’Intino led the opening prayer.

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

PRESENT: Mr. A. Perri, Chairperson,
 Mrs. M. Nardini, Vice-Chairperson,
 Mr. J. Baiardo, Mrs. C. Cornale, 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, 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

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. A. D’Intino

CARRIED

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ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

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

There was none.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: RELIGION AND FAMILY LIFE:

a) Earth Day 2018

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He highlighted the various activities and events that will take place in schools during the month of April to celebrate Earth Day 2018.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, EARTH DAY 2018 DATED MARCH 20, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

CARRIED

b) Notre Dame Vision

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He indicated that one student from each of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's secondary schools is invited to attend a summer retreat program at The University of Notre Dame. He highlighted the focus and themes of the five-day retreat that will take place in July 2018.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, NOTRE DAME VISION, DATED MARCH 20, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly
SECONDER: Mrs. C. Cornale

CARRIED

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

a) K-12 Technology Integration Strategy

Mr. G. Tabone, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced Ms. T. Zupancic, Technology & Digital Learning Consultant and Mr. M. Noronha, Technology-Enabled Learning & Teaching Contact. He presented the report and provided an overview of the various technology integration supports, resources and interventions currently in use from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, K-12 TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION STRATEGY, DATED MARCH 20, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

CARRIED

b) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSD) Innovation Research Project (2016-2017)

Mr. G. Tabone, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Mr. M. Noronha, Technology-Enabled Learning & Teaching Contact, presented the report. He indicated that the HWCDSD Innovation Research Project was designed as a three-year project to further support student achievement, technology integration, and the acquisition of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. He indicated that year 1 of the project took place in 2016-2017. He indicated that the project examined how class sets of iPads affect teaching and learning in the classroom.

He provided an overview of the key findings on the impact on students and the impact on teachers.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD INNOVATION RESEARCH PROJECT (2016-2017), DATED MARCH 20, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. P. DiFrancesco

CARRIED

c) Coding Experiences in Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Elementary Schools

Mr. G. Tabone, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Ms. T. Zupancic, Technology & Digital Learning Consultant, presented the report. She provided an overview of the various coding experiences and activities taking place in the elementary schools of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. She shared a video of students describing their coding experiences at school.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CODING EXPERIENCES IN HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, DATED MARCH 20, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

d) MyClass-The Learning Management System

Mr. G. Tabone, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Mr. M. Noronha, Technology-Enabled Learning & Teaching Contact, presented the report. He informed the committee that the Learning Management System is a secure website that allows teachers and students to access classroom resources.

He outlined the use of myClass in elementary and secondary schools and highlighted the key findings.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, MYCLASS-THE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, DATED MARCH 20, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly

CARRIED

e) SHSM Pedagogy B4 Technology Project

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report. She indicated that this project addresses leveraging technology-enabled learning for all learners as well as promoting and supporting student engagement and achievement in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program. She introduced Ms. D. Yamashita, Technology and Digital Learning Special Assignment Teacher who presented the report and provided an overview of teacher and student feedback from those who participated in the project.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM) PEDAGOGY B4 TECHNOLOGY PROJECT, DATED MARCH 20, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

f) Making Learning Accessible for All

Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report. She indicated that the purpose of this report is to highlight the supports in place for students using technology to support learning, and to share evidence that the technology is supporting student achievement.

She introduced Ms. T. Leverton, Special Education Teacher-Nicholas Mancini Centre, and Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and Applied Behaviour Analysis Consultant.

Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and Applied Behaviour Analysis Consultant, presented the report.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, MAKING LEARNING ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL,
DATED MARCH 20, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF
INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

CARRIED

g) Project COOK-Children On-Board Owning the Kitchen

Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report. He introduced Ms. C. Talwin, Teacher Chef at St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education, Mrs. M. Calabrese, Vice-Principal of St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education, Ms. S. Newman, Public Health Nutritionist, and Ms. A. Frosina, Public Health Nurse/McMaster University Professor. He indicated that they were instrumental in supporting this project.

Ms. C. Talwin, Teacher Chef-St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education Centres, presented the report. She informed the committee how the project was executed at the various schools that engaged in this initiative.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, PROJECT COOK-CHILDREN ON-BOARD
OWNING THE KITCHEN, DATED MARCH 20, 2018, BE ACCEPTED
AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. P. DiFrancesco

CARRIED

h) Upcoming Agenda Items

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

ITEM 8

NOTICES OF MOTION

There was none.

ITEM 9 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. C. Cornale moved adjournment at 8:16 p.m.

Mr. A. Perri
Chairperson

Mrs. T. Kovach
Secretary