

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Date: April 17, 2018

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. A. Perri, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Board Room of the Father Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mrs. C. Cornale led the opening prayer.

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

The Chairperson indicated that regrets were received from Miss M. D'Agostino, Student Trustee.

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,
Mrs. T. Kovach, Mrs. S. Pizzuti, Mr. A. Romano,
Mrs. S. Scime, Mr. G. Tabone.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. S. Giacinti

ABSENT: Miss M. D'Agostino

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori
SECONDER: Mrs. C. Cornale

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 International Languages Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2018

MOTION:

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES MEETING MINUTES OF
APRIL 4, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. DiFrancesco

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

CARRIED

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: RELIGION AND FAMILY LIFE:

a) Catholic Education Week 2018

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He indicated that Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from May 6-11, 2018. He informed the committee that this year's theme is, "Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise". He highlighted the various activities and events that will take place in schools to celebrate Catholic Education Week. He expressed appreciation to Mr. A. DeTullio and Mr. R. Valeri, Co-Chairpersons of the Catholic Education Week Committee.

Mr. P. Daly thanked Dr. P. Beaudette for his leadership and hard work for Catholic Education Week.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2018 DATED
APRIL 17, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini
SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

b) Board-Wide Graduates Mass and Social

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He indicated that the system-wide Graduates Mass will be held on May 16, 2018. His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, will celebrate the mass.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, BOARD-WIDE GRADUATES MASS AND SOCIAL, DATED APRIL 17, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. J. Baiardo
SECONDER: Mrs. C. Cornale

CARRIED

ITEM 8 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

a) HWCD SB Being, Belonging and Becoming: Transition Planning

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced Mrs. C. McPhee, Student Success Consultant.

Mrs. C. McPhee, Student Success Consultant, presented the report. She provided an overview of the transition programming support, K-12, currently in place in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BEING, BELONGING AND BECOMING: TRANSITION PLANNING, DATED APRIL 17, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. J. Baiardo
SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly

CARRIED

b) Graduation Rate

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

Mrs. C. McPhee, Student Success Consultant, presented the report and presented the 2012-2013 cohort data and graduation rates.

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, GRADUATION RATE, DATED APRIL 17, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. C. Cornale

CARRIED

c) Transitions: Kindergarten to Grade 1

Mrs. I. Fortino, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Mrs. N. Crisante, Early Years Consultant, presented the report. She indicated that the Kindergarten/Grade 1 transition support is a collaborative session of professional development and planning with Kindergarten teachers, Designated Early Childhood Educators and Grade 1 Teachers within each school. She highlighted the key findings of the Kindergarten to Grade 1 professional development and support from 2016-2017.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, TRANSITIONS: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 1, DATED APRIL 17, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

d) Pilots to Improve School-Based Supports for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education, informed the committee that the Ministry of Education has collaborated with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on a pilot to improve school-based supports for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). St. Michael Catholic elementary School was selected as the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic

District School Board's host site. She introduced Mrs. M. Rossi, Principal of St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Ms. A. Doyle, Special Education Resource Teacher at St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Mr. A. Fortino, Educational Assistant at St. Michael Catholic Elementary School. She also introduced Ms. L. Llacuna., Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA), Mrs. N. Cantelmi-Cicchi, Project Coordinator, and Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and Applied Behaviour Analysis Consultant.

Ms. M. Maric, Special Education and Applied Behaviour Analysis Consultant, presented the report and informed the committee that the Ministry of Education proposed two pilot projects for the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. She highlighted the research basis and key findings.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, PILOTS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL-BASED SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, DATED APRIL 17, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

e) Transitions: Supported Work Experience Program

Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report. She indicated that the transition from secondary school to postsecondary destinations can be challenging for students with special needs. She stated that work experience, volunteer opportunities, day programs and co-operative education programs provide students, including students with special education needs, an opportunity to capitalize on their strengths and interests, and learn more about themselves, their communities, and the nature of the workplace and other environments.

She introduced the Resource Teachers for the Developmental Disabilities Team: Ms. D. Aref, Ms. T. Spraggon and Ms. J. Zuppa

Ms. M. Maric, Special Education and Applied Behaviour Analysis Consultant, presented the report. She highlighted the key findings and next steps for the Transitions: Supported Work Experience Program.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, TRANSITIONS: SUPPORTED WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, DATED APRIL 17, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mrs. C. Cornale

CARRIED

f) St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education: Program Update

Mrs. S. Pizzuti, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.

Mr. T. Hogan, Principal of St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education, and Mrs. M. Calabrese, Vice-Principal of St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education, presented the report.

They highlighted the various programs that are offered through the St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education centres.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ST. CHARLES ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION: PROGRAM UPDATE, DATED APRIL 17, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

g) 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

Mr. D. Hansen, Director of Education, reminded the committee of the following date change for the upcoming Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings: Monday April 30th, 5:00 p.m., Board Room of the Father Kennedy Catholic Education Centre.

Mr. P. Daly, Chairperson, commended Mr. A. Burns, Religion and Family Life Consultant, and Ms. J. Fortino, Mental Health Lead, on their participation at the Child and Youth Mental Health Summit. Mr. A. Burns and Ms. J. Fortino were leaders in a workshop at the summit speaking about mental health from a faith-based view. He also commended Ms. J. Angiolillo for her leadership.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. M. Nardini moved adjournment at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. A. Perri
Chairperson

Mrs. T. Kovach
Secretary