HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES MINUTES

Date: May 15, 2018

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. A. Perri, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. in the Board Room of the Father Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mr. J. Valvasori 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. 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

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

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

CARRIED
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)  Supplementary Curriculum Resources for Secondary Religious Education

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He indicated that a professional development session will take place in late May and early June to prepare for the implementation of the new curriculum resource.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SUPPLEMENTARY CURRICULUM RESOURCES FOR SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, DATED MAY 15, 2018 BE APPROVED.

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

b)  Purchase of Grade 5 Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ in Religion Program

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He indicated that an in-service will take place on June 22, 2018 for all Grade 5 teachers.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, PURCHASE OF GRADE 5 GROWING IN FAITH, GROWING IN CHRIST RELIGION PROGRAM, DATED MAY 15, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.
THAT SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL THE BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE GRADE 6 GROWING IN FAITH, GROWING IN CHRIST RELIGION PROGRAM.

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

CARRIED

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

a) HWCDSB Robotics

Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report. He welcomed the many students in attendance from Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School, St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School and St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School.

The students from each school presented their robotic displays.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ROBOTICS, DATED MAY 15, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ROBOTICS PROGRAMS PENDING BUDGET STEERING DELIBERATIONS.

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

CARRIED

b) French as a Second Language Update 2017-2018

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

Mr. D. Crandall, French as a Second Language Consultant K-12, presented the report. He updated the committee on the professional development sessions that have taken place for French Immersion Teachers and Core French Teachers.
MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE UPDATE 2017-2018, DATED MAY 15, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

CARRIED

c) HWCDSB Diplôme D’Études en Langue Francaise (DELF) Project (2016-2017)

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

Mr. D. Crandall, French as a Second Language Consultant K-12, presented the report. He informed the committee that the DELF project was designed as an extension of the Ministry of Education’s Student Proficiency Pilot Project. It has involved over 1700 Grade 12 Students from the three French as a Second Language programs who have completed the DELF exam. Upon successful completion of the DELF test, students receive a diploma issued by the Department of Education in France.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DIPLOME D’ETUDES EN LANGUE FRANCAISE PROJECT (2016-2017), DATED MAY 15, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Valvasori
SECONDER: Mr. A. D’Intino

CARRIED

d) English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development Programs and Services K-12

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

Mr. M. Luciani, Secondary Step Assessment Teacher, presented the report.

He updated the committee on the programs offered to newcomer students in elementary and secondary schools. He presented a video of ESL students describing their experiences.
MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LITERACY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES K-12 DATED MAY 15, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

e) Indigenous Education

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

Mr. J. Madalena, Equal Opportunities Consultant, presented the report. He indicated that the following are the four guiding strategies for Indigenous Education:

- Supporting Students;
- Engagement and Awareness Building;
- Supporting Educators; and,
- Using Data to Support Student Achievement.

He presented a power point presentation depicting different initiatives that promote Indigenous Education.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DATED MAY 15, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

f) 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

Mr. M. Valvasori moved adjournment at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. A. Perri  Mrs. S. Pizzuti
Chairperson  Acting Secretary