HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RELIGION, FAMILY LIFE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES MINUTES

Date: June 19, 2018

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. A. Perri, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. in the Board Room of the Father Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mrs. M. Nardini led the opening prayer.

ITEM 2 NOTING OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT, RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSING ABSENCE

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

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, Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian,
Mr. A. Romano, Mrs. S. Scime, Mr. G. Tabone.

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. C. Cornale
SECONDER: Mr. M. 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) Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He provided an update on the endeavours that were made by the schools during the 2017-2018 school year to promote vocation awareness.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE, DATED JUNE 19, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. A. D’Intino
SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo  CARRIED

b) Stewardship of Creation: EcoSchools Certification 2018

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He updated the committee on the EcoSchools initiatives that are taking place in the schools.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION: ECOSCHOOLS CERTIFICATION 2018, AS PRESENTED JUNE 19, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.
ITEM 7 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

a) HWCDSB Special Education Program and Services Plan 2018-2019, & Parent Guide to Special Education Programs and Services 2018-2019

Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education, presented the report. She highlighted changes to the updated plan for 2018-2019.

MOTION:


MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori
SECONDER: Mr. A. Perri CARRIED

b) Mental Health Action Plan 2018-2019

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

Ms. J. Fortino, Acting Mental Health Lead, presented the report. She presented a video depicting the various initiatives that have taken place throughout the Board to promote Mental Health.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN 2018-2019, DATED JUNE 19, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

c) Joint Protocol for Student Achievement

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Assistant Superintendent of Education, introduced the report.
Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager of Social Work Services, presented the report. She indicated that this protocol has been developed to support the unique circumstances and educational needs of children and youth involved in the child welfare system. She informed the committee that it contains procedures to minimize disruptions to school attendance and ensure access to supports that maximize learning potential.

Mr. P. Daly suggested that “spirituality” be added to the list of barriers that children and youth can encounter, as listed on page 1 in the second paragraph of the introduction. It was agreed that it would be added.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, JOINT PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED JUNE 19, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

CARRIED

d) 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. J. Baiardo moved adjournment at 7:19 p.m.