

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Date: September 18, 2018

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. P. Daly, Chairperson of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Father Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mr. Daly indicated that Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. M. Nardini, would be a few minutes late and would assume the seat of Chairperson upon her arrival. Mr. J. Valvasori led the opening prayer.

The Chairperson welcomed Miss M. Malcew, Student Trustee, to her first meeting.

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

Mr. P. Daly indicated that regrets were received from Mrs. C. Cornale and Mr. A. Perri.

MOTION:

THAT THE ABSENCES OF MRS. C. CORNALE AND MR. A. PERRI BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D'Intino

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

CARRIED

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. S. Giacinti

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Mrs. M. Nardini arrived at 5:05 p.m. and assumed the seat of Chairperson.

ITEM 3      APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

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)      Theme for Catholic Education Week 2019

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

Dr. P. Beaudette, Program Leader: Religion and Family Life, presented the report. He informed the committee that this year's theme will be "Catholic Education: Living as Joyful Disciples". Catholic Education Week will run from May 5-May 10, 2019.

Mr. P. Daly indicated that *Toonies for Tuition* will be included in the OCSTA campaign materials that are distributed for Catholic Education Week next year. He informed the committee that *Toonies for Tuition* is a Tuition Assistance Program that helps students to receive faith-based Catholic education in provinces that do not publicly fund Catholic schools.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2019 DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

CARRIED

b) Secondary Student Council Leadership Retreat

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 overnight retreat is for all secondary Student Council members and involved a number of activities that are linked to the upcoming Pilgrimage, “Walk with Christ: Justice for the Poor”. He informed the committee that the retreat took place September 17, 2018 at Camp Brebeuf.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP RETREAT, AS PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

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

CARRIED

c) Renewing the Diocesan Catholic Education Partnership Agreement

Mr. D. Hansen, Director of Education, presented the report.

He informed the committee that the Diocesan Catholic Education Partnership is a partnership between the Diocese of Hamilton, St. Jerome’s University together with Brant Haldimand Norfolk, Bruce Grey, Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Waterloo and Wellington Catholic District School Boards. He indicated that the partnership agreement will be renewed at the Diocesan Catholic Education Celebration on September 20, 2018.

Discussion ensued and Mr. P. Daly suggested the following amendment (in bold) to Article XI:

*Report to the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, the University President, Directors of the Boards **and the participating Catholic School Boards** once per year on the commitments and activities of the Partnership.*

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, RENEWING THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, BE APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI (IN BOLD):

*Report to the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, the University President, Directors of the Boards **and the participating Catholic School Boards** once per year on the commitments and activities of the Partnership.*

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

CARRIED

ITEM 7

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

a) Catholic School Student Achievement Visits

Mr. G. Tabone, Assistant Superintendent of Education, presented the report. He showed a video of a student achievement visit and an example of the types of activities that take place. The Catholic School Student Achievement Visits involve a collaboration where ten elementary and two secondary schools are partnered into learning pods.

A question and answer period ensued. Mr. P. Daly suggested that a report be presented to the Board with further data regarding the Catholic School Student Achievement Visits in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. The following motion was forthcoming:

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT VISITS, DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. P. DiFrancesco

CARRIED

b) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board-Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement 2017-2018 Report Summary

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

He indicated that this summary provides an overview of the vast number of projects implemented during the past year. He informed the committee that

the “Renewing the Promise: A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education” will be the foundation document used in the development and implementation of the BIPSA 2018-2019.

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD-BOARD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2017-2018 REPORT SUMMARY BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. J. Baiardo

SECONDER: Mr. A. D’Intino

CARRIED

c) School Climate Survey: Tell Them From Me, 2017-2018-HWCDSB

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

Dr. C. Davis, Psychologist, presented the report. He stated that one of the requirements of Bill 13: Accepting Schools Act, is for schools and school boards to conduct an anonymous, school climate survey a minimum of every two years. He highlighted the results and key findings of the 2017-2018 survey. He also provided an overview of the strategies that have been implemented through the Board’s Mental Health and Addiction Strategy.

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY: TELL THEM FROM ME, 2017-2018 HWCDSB HIGHLIGHTS, DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly

CARRIED

d) St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education: Summer 2018 Program Update

Mrs. S. Pizzuti, Superintendent of Education, introduced Mr. T. Hogan, Principal of St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education, Mrs. M. Calabrese, Vice-Principal of St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education, and Mrs. K.

Sullivan, ESL Coordinator. She also recognized the good work of Mr. C. Agro, St. Charles Summer Coordinator.

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 Elementary, Secondary and Adult Summer Programs.

MOTION:

THAT THE ST. CHARLES ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION: SUMMER 2018 PROGRAM UPDATE, DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

e) Heading to Kindergarten Summer Learning Program

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

Ms. N. Crisante, Early Years Student Achievement Consultant, presented the report.

She indicated that the Heading to Kindergarten Summer Learning Program was piloted this past summer at St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School during the last week of August. She informed the committee that the goal of the program was to prepare students entering the first year of Kindergarten for what to expect in the Kindergarten learning environment.

She provided an overview of the key findings of this pilot project.

MOTION:

THAT THE HEADING TO KINDERGARTEN SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM, DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

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. P. Daly moved adjournment at 7:05 p.m.

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Mrs. M. Nardini  
Vice-Chairperson

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Mrs. T. Kovach  
Secretary