

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: January 15, 2019

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. J. Baiardo, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the Board Room of the Father Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mr. P. Homerski led the opening prayer.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. J. Baiardo, Chairperson
Mr. M. Valvasori, Vice-Chairperson,
Mr. L. Agro, Mr. P. Daly, Mr. A. D’Intino, Mr. P. Homerski,
Mrs. M. Nardini, Mr. A. Perri, Mr. J. Valvasori.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Miss M. Malcew

OFFICIALS:

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Assistant Superintendent of Education
Mr. C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. N. DeGiuli, Controller of Business Services
Mrs. I. Fortino, Superintendent of Education
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian, Associate Director of Corporate Services
Mrs. S. Pizzuti, Superintendent of Education
Mr. G. Tabone, Assistant Superintendent of Education.

GUESTS:

Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and Applied Behaviour Analysis Consultant
Ms. M. Torsney, Manager, Speech Language & Hearing Services
Ms. T. Leverton, Central Resource Teacher Assistive Technology
Mr. A. Staibano, Secondary Math Consultant
Ms. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager-Social Work Services

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. S. Giacinti

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ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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

There was none.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

a) Junior Academic Success Program

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report.

Mrs. M. Maric presented the report. She introduced Mr. M. Goffredo, Principal of St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School, Ms. S. Hampson, Special Education Teacher, and Ms. D. Finlay, Special Education Teacher.

Mrs. M. Maric highlighted the goals and purpose of the program. She also provided an overview of the key findings.

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, JUNIOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM, DATED JANUARY 15, 2019, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. A. Perri

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

b) Primary Speech and Language Support Centre Report (PSLC)

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report.

Mrs. M. Torsney presented the report. She acknowledged the good work of Ms. M. Mahler, Special Education Teacher, Ms. J. Ceci, Speech Language Pathologist, Mrs. L. Konyt-Mella, Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, and Ms. M. Mancuso, Educational Assistant.

She informed the committee that the Primary Speech and Language Support Centre (PSLC) has a ten-month placement at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School. She indicated that students are assigned to a regular class at their grade level and are withdrawn to the PSLC for approximately one quarter of the school day to work on oral communication and literacy development.

MOTION:

THAT THE PRIMARY SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTRE REPORT, DATED JANUARY 15, 2019, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. A. Perri

SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski

CARRIED

c) Technology Learning Centre Report

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced Ms. T. Leverton. She also acknowledged Mrs. L. Gabriele, Technology Learning Centre Resource Teacher, and Mrs. R. Wong, Educational Assistant, for their significant contribution to this program.

Ms. T. Leverton presented the report. She provided an overview of the program that is housed at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Hamilton. She also shared video of students who have benefitted from attending the Technology Learning Centre.

MOTION:

THAT THE TECHNOLOGY LEARNING CENTRE REPORT, DATED JANUARY 15, 2019, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski

CARRIED

d) Gap Closing for Grade Mathematics Update

Ms. J. Angiolillo introduced the report.

Mr. A. Staibano presented the report. He informed the committee that a Gap Closing for Academic Mathematics pilot project was offered in July 2018 as a summer school course for students entering Grade 9 at Cathedral High School. He indicated that upon completion these students received a secondary school credit.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, GAP CLOSING FOR GRADE 9 MATHEMATICS UPDATE, DATED JANUARY 15, 2019, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

e) Suspension, Expulsion, Refusal of Access, and Violent Incident Report 2017-2018

Ms. J. Angiolillo introduced the report.

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa presented the report. She provided an overview of the statistical data for 2017-2018 for the number of suspensions, expulsions, refusal of access, violent incidents and participation in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's long term suspension program (Program to Assist Student Success-PASS) and expulsion programs (Student Opportunity to Achieve Re-entry-SOAR).

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, REFUSAL OF ACCESS AND VIOLENT INCIDENT REPORT-2017-2018, DATED JANUARY 15, 2019, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

ITEM 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. A. Perri moved adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. J. Baiardo
Chairperson

Mrs. T. Kovach
Secretary