

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: February 15, 2022

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. J. Baiardo called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m. Trustee Mr. P. Homerski led the opening prayer.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. J. Baiardo, Chairperson, Mr. P. Homerski, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. L. Agro, Mr. A. D’Intino, Mr. T. Iorio, Mrs. M. Nardini, Mr. J. Valvasori, Mr. M. Valvasori.

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Miss N. Menechella and Miss. E. Hilson

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD: Mr. P.J. Daly

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & TREASURER:
Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian

OFFICIALS:

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education
Mr. A. Cortina, Chief Information Officer
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education
Mr. A. Romano, Superintendent of Human Resources

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager of Social Work Services
Mrs. S. Bereziuk, Student Success Consultant
Mr. G. Boyko, Central Resource Teacher, Assistive Technology
Ms. M. Button, Indigenous Education Lead
Mrs. S. Colby, Special Education Resource Teacher
Mr. N. Cummings, Secondary Teacher
Mr. J. Curto, Special Education Project Lead

Mrs. B. Hicks, Student Achievement Consultant

Mr. M. Lawlor, Principal of Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School
Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and Applied Behaviour Analysis Consultant
Mrs. L. Meijerink, Central Resource Teacher
Mrs. M. Torsney, Speech Language and Hearing Services

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. K. Krueger

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. L Agro

CARRIED

ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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

There was none.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

a) Advanced Automation/Manufacturing (AAM) Early College Graduation Program (ECGP)

M. Hucal presented the report. Mr. Hucal thanked Mrs. S. Bereziuk on her outstanding work on the report. Mr. Hucal invited Mr. Lawlor, Principal of Bishop Ryan, Mr. N, Cummings, teacher at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School and two students from the school to outline the program. The following was highlighted:

- This program provides students with the education in experiential learning, differentiated education and industry mentorship.
- The program is four to four and half years in length allowing students to receive the compulsory 16 credits as well as 14 elective dual credit which gives the students a college credit in specialized advanced manufacturing.
- The program is co taught with a Mohawk college instructor and teacher.
- Mr. Cummings showed the equipment and technology students use in this program.
- Equipment such as CNC machines and 3D printers have allowed students to use the same technology that industry uses.

The students expressed how interesting this class is and how useful the skills will be to them. Mr. Lawlor stated there are 29 students in the program and hope to increase seats in the program in the future.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ADVANCED AUTOMATION/MANUFACTURING (AAM) EARLY COLLEGE GRADUATION PROGRAM (ECGP), DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly

CARRIED

b) Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) Program Update

Mr. D. DiFrancesco introduced the report. Mrs. S. Bereziuk presented the report highlighting the following:

- Currently this program is being offered at St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School and Cathedral High School;
- HWCDSB is the fifth board to be affiliated with the P-TECH Program in Canada;
- Presently there are 43 students enrolled in this program and its popularity is increasing;
- This P-TECH program exposes students to experiential learning and students can earn two half credit course;
 - all students have successfully completed.
- 80 % of P-TECH students have accomplished a level 3 or 4.

Mrs. Bereziuk stated that they are trying to expand the program to more industry partners. There are many opportunities for mentoring, paid internship as well as a leg up on employment prospects. Next Steps include the following:

- Continuation of programming development
- Industry Partner engagement
- Research with Mohawk College
- College course credit recovery
- Recruitment for 2022-2023
- Expansion to Cathedral High School

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGHSCHOOLS (P-TECH) PROGRAM UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

c) HWCDSD New Indigenous Education Courses

Ms. J. Angiolillo introduced the report. Mrs. B. Hicks and Ms. M. Button to presented the report. They highlighted the following:

- the comparisons of the old English courses to the newly developed Indigenous English Courses;
- collaboration with teachers;
- support for Truth & Reconciliation
- The two courses are similar but include oral tradition, indigenous culture and resources have been vetted to ensure accurate representation of Indigenous Culture.
- Next steps include:
 - Professional Development;
 - Indigenous Education Special Assignment Teacher;
 - Summer 2022 Writing team;
 - Feedback- Honour Student/Staff voice; and,
 - Inform students, Parents/Guardians and staff

Chairperson Daly commended and thanked Ms. Angiolillo, Ms. M. Button and Ms. B. Hicks for their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and tremendous work advancing this important initiative.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCDSD NEW INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COURSES, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. T. Iorio

CARRIED

d) HWCDSD Social Workers Update 2020-2021

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report and highlighted the value of Social Workers, especially in the past two years and expressed her gratitude to their dedication. Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa presented the report. She commented on how the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted students and noted that the interventions and referrals have steadily increased. Areas for referrals include the following:

- Personal Adjustment;
- Attendance/School Avoidance;
- Mental Health;
- Family Adjustment; and,
- Crisis

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCD SB SOCIAL WORKERS UPDATE 2020-2021, DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski

SECONDER: Mr. T. Iorio

CARRIED

e) HWCD SB Child and Youth Workers (CYW): Update 2020-2021

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report. She expressed how invaluable the contribution of the CYW's are to all students. Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa presented the report. She noted that throughout the pandemic CYWs continued to support students both in person and in virtual modes. The following activities are being used to support students.

- Evidence -Based Programs;
- Bullying Prevention and Follow-Up;
- Training Certification in the Triple P Parenting Program; and,
- Summer Programming

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCD SB CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS: UPDATE 2020-2021 DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

f) Technology to support Learning in Special Education Programs

Mrs. T. Ferrie introduced the report. Mr. J. Curto presented the report highlighting how the Special Education/Technology impacts special needs students. He indicated that 4,213 students in the HWCD SAB are receiving services in the following areas of technology:

- Students who struggle to read;
- Students Who are Blind or have Low Vision;
- Students with Complex Communication Need's;
- Students with Hearing Loss or Auditory Disorders; and,
- Students with Autism

Mr. Curto shared a video which highlighted the benefits of types of assistive technology.

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MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT LEARNING IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER; Mr. P. Homerski

SECONDER: Mr. T. Iorio

CARRIED

ITEM 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee J. Valvasori moved adjournment at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. J. Baiardo
Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary