

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: March 22, 2022

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. J. Baiardo called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m. Trustee Mr. J. Valvasori 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

STAFF:

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. S. Bereziuk, Student Success Consultant
Mrs. N. Crisante, EY Co-Lead/ K-3 Student Achievement Consultant
Mr. A. Cortina, Chief Information Officer
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education
Mr. P. Ferrie, Senior Facilities Manager
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. B. Hicks, Student Achievement Consultant
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. K. Lazure-Valconi, Employee Assistance Counsellor
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education
Mr. J. Madalena, Equal Opportunities Consultant
Ms. E. Niemiec, Student Achievement Consultant, Grades 4-8
Ms. A. Ralph, System Equity Officer
Mr. A. Romano, Superintendent of Human Resources

Mrs. C. Salvatore, Secondary Mathematics Special Assignment Teacher
Mrs. C. Scheben, Student Achievement Consultant, Numeracy K - 8
Mr. A. Staibano, Secondary Mathematics Consultant

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. K. Krueger

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

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) Elementary Student Achievement Update

Mr. M. Hucal presented the report. The data from report cards provides guidance to central staff on how to support teachers and students. The baseline data presented from term one focuses on reading, writing, and Mathematics. The results were summarized by division and levels of achievement in each area. Students with lower levels of achievement were likely impacted by pandemic disruptions. Compared from last year to this year student achievement mostly improved. The learning Recovery Action plan will identify those students who need support. EQAO assessments are returning and will provide additional data. Mr. M. Hucal acknowledged the Math and Literacy consultants for their work on this report.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT ELEMENTARY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D'Intino
 SECONDER: Mr. T. Iorio

CARRIED

b) Secondary Student Achievement Update

Mr. D. DiFrancesco introduced the report and Mrs. S. Bereziuk presented the report highlighting face-to-face versus online learning as well as traditional semesters versus the quadmester and octomester. The overall averages between the groups were similar. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SECONDARY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly
 SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

c) Grade 9 De-streamed Mathematics Update

Mr. M. Hucal introduced the report. Mr. A. Staibano and Mrs. C. Salvatore presented the report. Mr. A. Staibano provided updates on the new curriculum. Mrs. C. Salvatore, has been providing in class coding videos to support teachers. A Nelson Grade 9 digital resource has been purchased to also assist with teacher planning and preparation of course delivery as well as an on-line library to help with assessments has been developed. Findings show that there has not been a significant loss in achievement between the de-streamed mathematics course and the previous applied and academic courses. Teacher and student feedback will help to build course development. A lengthy question and answer period ensued.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, DE-STREAMED MATHEMATICS UPDATE, DATED MARCH 22, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori
 SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski

CARRIED

d) HWCDSD Recess Project Update

Mr. M. Hucal introduced the report and Mr. J. Madalena presented the report. He outlined the many activities promoting innovative recess experiences and activities at pilot schools who are currently using the project developed by the HWCDSD and Playocracy Inc.

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MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCD SB RECESS PROJECT UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 22, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

ITEM 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee A. D'Intino moved adjournment at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. J. Baiardo
Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary