

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: May 17, 2022

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

In the absence of the Committee Chairperson, Mr. J. Baiardo, Mr. P. Homerski, Committee Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. Trustee M. Valvasori led in the opening prayer.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. L. Agro, Mr. P. Homerski, Vice-Chairperson,
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. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager of Social Work
Mr. A. Cortina, Chief Information Officer
Mrs. J Cece, Speech-Language Pathologist
Mrs. N. Crisante, EY Co-Lead/ K-3 Student Achievement Consultant
Mr. J. Curto, Project Lead of Special Education
Mr. T. Dalton, Certified Music Therapist
Mrs. N. Donnell, Certified Music Therapist
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education
Mr. P. Ferrie, Senior Facilities Manager
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. K. Lazure-Valconi, Employee Assistance Counsellor
Mrs. M Mahler, Elementary Special Education Teacher

Mrs. M. Maric, Special Education and ABA Consultant
Mrs. L Meijerink, Central Resource Teacher
Mrs. L. Petruzzi, Secondary- Special Assignment Teacher
Mr. C. Pinto, Secondary Teacher, mentor from Bishop Ryan C.S.S.
Ms. A. Ralph, System Equity Officer
Mr. V. Ramelli, Manager of Real Estate, Community Partnerships, and
Transportation
Mr. A. Romano, Superintendent of Human Resources
Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Spraggon, Elementary Special Education Teacher
Mrs. M. Torsney, Manager of Speech, Language and Hearing
Mr. J. Volek, Manager of Planning and Accommodation

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. K. Krueger

REGRETS: Mr. J. Baiardo

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Baiardo

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino CARRIED

ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. P Homerski declared a conflict of interest with 6 (a).
Mrs. M. Nardini declared a conflict of interest with 6 (f)

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

There was none.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

a) HWCDSD Robotics Program - Update

Mr. P. Homerski invited Superintendent M. Hucal to present the report.

Mr. M. Hucal presented the report and introduced Mr. C. Pinto, Teacher at Bishop Ryan C.S.S. He thanked Bishop Ryan students Abigail Camacho and Grace Emerson who presented an overview of the Robotics Program and their experience in Houston, Texas. Mr. Hucal thanked Mr. R. DoCouto from Arcelor

Mittal Dofasco for his support.

He acknowledged Mr. and Mrs. Alderson from Makeshift Robotics from St. Mary Catholic Secondary School who volunteer their time with this project. Despite the challenges of COVID, there were many students and teams who participated.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCDSB ROBOTICS PROGRAM UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE ROBOTICS PROGRAMS PENDING BUDGET APPROVAL.

MOVER: Mr. L, Agro

SECONDER: Mr. M. Valvasori CARRIED

- b) Early Identification Procedures – Transition to School Intake Process for students with Special needs

Mrs. T. Ferrie introduced the report and thanked Mr. J. Curto, Mrs Maric, L Meijerink, and Mrs. T Spraggon for their dedication and effort. Mr. Curto presented the report and provided an update on the transition to school intake process for students with special needs. He highlighted the relevant data with respect to the diagnosis of students and student need.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, EARLY IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES-TRANSITION INTAKE PROCESS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS, DATED TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. T. Iorio

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori CARRIED

- c) Speech, Language and Hearing Services Update

Mrs. T. Ferrie introduced the report. Mrs. M. Torsney presented the report. She provided an update on the delivery of speech and language services. She acknowledged the work of Mrs. M Mahler and Joanie Cece. She provided an overview of the assessment and intervention and key findings at the Primary Speech and Language Centre.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SERVICES UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini CARRIED

d) Speech, Language and Hearing Services- Music Therapy

Mr. T. Ferrie introduced the report. Mrs. M. Torsney presented the report and acknowledged Ms. N. Donnell and Mr. T. Dalton, Music Therapists. She highlighted the support that these Music Therapists provide to students to support communication, and Mental health support. This work has included collaboration with Speech-Language Pathologists, Child Youth Care Workers, and Educational Assistants with much positive feedback at Equal Opportunity Schools.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SERVICES - MUSIC THERAPY, DATED TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly CARRIED

e) HWCD SB SAL Program Update

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced Mrs. L. Petruzzi. Mrs. Petruzzi presented the Report. She provided an update and overview of the benefits and goals of the Supervised Alternative Learning Plan (SALP). The SALP meets the needs of the most dis-engaged students and allows them to successfully obtain credits and meet their individualized needs. She noted there has been an increase in students in this successful program.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING (SAL) PROGRAM - UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D'Intino

SECONDER: Mr. M. Valvasori CARRIED

f) Update of Literacy Support in Response to Right to Read Inquiry

Mr. Hucal introduced Mrs. N. Crisante to present the report. She provided an update on Literacy support in response to the public inquiry about every child's right to read. The following was highlighted:

- Tier 1: Classroom instruction: Grade 1- Lexia Core 5 and Kindergarten soundbites;
- Tier 2: Early literacy Intervention, Reading Recovery, and Learning Resource Program;
- Tier 3: Empower: Intensity of support is at its highest level, for those students who need specific and precise instruction (grades 2-4); and,
- Action plans for 2022-2023
 - Collection of Data;
 - Professional Development and Review;
 - Parent engagement, community partnerships; and,
 - review of existing interventions, programs, and resources.

Chairperson P. Daly recommended that the administration be directed to undertake a thorough review of all of the reading intervention programs provided by the Board and report back well in advance of the 2023-2024 budget process.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, UPDATE ON LITERACY SUPPORT IN RESPONSE TO RIGHT TO READ INQUIRY REPORT, DATED TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

THAT ADMINISTRATION CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES IN READING INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND PRESENT A REPORT WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

ITEM 7

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

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ITEM 8

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 9

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee A. D'Intino moved adjournment at 6:59 p.m.

Mr. P. Homerski
Vice - Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary