

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: October 18, 2022

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Mr. J. Baiardo called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and Trustee P. Homerski led the opening prayer.

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

The Chairperson noted that regrets were received from Trustees J. Valvasori and M. Valvasori.

MOTION:

THAT THE ABSENCE OF TRUSTEES J. VALVASORI AND M. VALVASORI BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski
SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Miss. A. Okpere and Miss P. Wallace

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

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

OFFICIALS:

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education
Mr. A. Romano, Superintendent of Human Resources
Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education

GUESTS

Mrs. J. Donn, Elementary Teacher
Mrs. A. Hicks, Student Achievement Consultant, Numeracy K-8

Ms. B. Hicks, Student Achievement Consultant, Secondary
Mrs. S. Lyons-Baker, Elementary Teacher
Mrs. C. Martino, Tutoring Supports Program Coordinator
Ms. E. Niemiec, Student Achievement Consultant, Grades 4 to 8
Mrs. J. Pini, Tutoring Supports Program Coordinator
Mrs. N. Sheehan, Elementary Teacher
Mr. A. Staibano, Secondary Numeracy Consultant

RECORDING SECRETARY: Ms. K. Krueger

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. T. Iorio

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

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 were none.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

a) Focus on Youth: Summer Program 2022

Ms. J. Angiolillo presented the report and thanked all involved in the Focus on Youth Program. She made a special thanks to Chairperson P. Daly for lobbying for the program. A video highlighted the following:

- Summer Learning and Recreation Programming;
- Targeted Mental Health Programming;
- Concurrent Training/Learning;
- Mentorship Support; and,
- Student Recognition

Mr. Daly thanked Ms. Angiolillo for her leadership and dedication to this very important program.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, FOCUS ON YOUTH: SUMMER PROGRAM 2022, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

b) HWCD SB Tutoring Supports

Ms. Angiolillo introduced the report and invited Mrs. C. Martino and Mrs. J. Pini to highlight the report. They explained the three phases of the Tutor Program to date.

- Phase 1 (March -June 2022) -pre and post-diagnostic assessments by teachers
- Phase 2 (July-august 2022) – Teachers provided pre-diagnostic assessment and the tutors and teachers provided post assessment
- Phase 3 (September – December 2022)

Student achievement in primary and junior areas increased significantly in both literacy and numeracy. Parents also noted a positive increase in learning.

Mr. Daly noted the importance of this program and advocated that the Ministry of Education would continue to fund. A discussion period ensued.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TUTORING SUPPORTS PROGRAM 2022, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, BE RECEIVED

MOVER: Mr. A. D’Intino

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

c) EQAO Administration Update

Mrs. S. Scime introduced the report. She thanked Ms. B. Hicks, Ms. E. Niemiec, and Mr. A. Staibano for their valuable contributions and they highlighted the following areas. They noted the data results have not been released by the Ministry as of yet.

- EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 (reading and Mathematics)
- EQAO Grade 9 Mathematics
- OSSLT Grade 10 and Grade 11 and non-graduating students

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

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (EQAO) ADMINISTRATION UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski

SECONDER: Mr. A. D’Intino

CARRIED

d) Elementary Mathematics Update

Miss. A. Hicks presented the report. The following was highlighted:

- Implementation Support for 2022-2023: Mathematics Special Assignment Teachers (MSATs) and Resources;
- Initial School Visit;
- Knowledgehook;
- Sequence of Learning for Mathematics, Revised September 2021;
- The 2020 Math Curriculum – Supports and Resources for Elementary Teachers LMS/myClass site, including tutors;
- Ongoing Professional Learning Supports;
- Grade 8-9 Transition Support;
- Parent Engagement; and
- Mathematics AQ Course Registration Information implementation)

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. T. Iorio

CARRIED

b) Elementary Mathematics Resource Pilot Update

Mrs. A. Hicks presented the report highlighting the Math Resources Pilot Project used by grades 3-8.

- Math-Up (Rubicon)
- My Math Path (Nelson)
- Math Up (Rubicon)

The Math Resources Pilot has been expanded into the 2022-2023 school year and Professional Learning sessions are planned for December 2022.

A brief question-and-answer period ensued. Mr. Daly referenced the recommendation with regard to the pilot and the cost to replace these resources system-wide would be enormous and would need to go through the Budget-Steering Committee.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS RESOURCE PILOT UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski

CARRIED

ITEM 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Baiardo thanked all of the committee members and senior administration for their kindness and support over the years.

Trustee A. D'Intino moved adjournment at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. J. Baiardo
Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary