

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: March 21, 2023

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Committee Chairperson. P. Homerski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Trustee A. D’Intino led the opening prayer.

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

It was noted regrets were received by Trustee M. Nardini and Student Trustee P. Wallace.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Homerski, Chairperson, Mrs. E. Agostino, Mr. L. Agro, Mr. A. D’Intino, Mrs. J. Angelini, Mr. J. Valvasori, Mr. M. Valvasori.

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Miss. A. Okpere (Absent) and Miss. P. Wallace (Absent)

ABSENT: Mrs. M Nardini, Miss A. Okpere and Miss. P. Wallace

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

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:
(ABSENT) Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian

STAFF:

Miss. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager of Social Work
Mrs. J. Bortolotto, STEM Special Assignment Teacher
Ms. Natalie Crisante, Elementary School Consultant
Ms. C. D’Elia, Co-Chair, Bullying Prevention, Intervention, Steering Committee
Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education
Ms. A. Hicks, Elementary School Consultant
Mrs. B. Hicks, Student Achievement Consultant- Secondary
Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education
Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education
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. P. Daly

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

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) Grade 9 De-streamed Courses Update

Mr. Hucal introduced the report. This update provides information on new grade 9 courses as well as existing de-streamed math/science courses. Ms. J. Bartolotto, STEM special assignment teacher presented the report. Mrs. B. Hicks, secondary consultant outlined how support was provided for teachers of de-streamed courses. A variety of resources were purchased to refresh current materials.

Mr. A. Staibano. The secondary consultant presented the data of the de-streamed courses. He outlined the pass rates of english, science, french, geography, and Grade 9 math (second year of de-streaming). He examined student achievement data. A cross-panel project is in place to support students in Grades 7 and 8 to aid in the transition to high school. A future report will be forthcoming regarding student achievement at all levels. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT GRADE 9 DE-STREAMED COURSES UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mrs. E. Agostino

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

CARRIED

b) Elementary Student Achievement Update

Mr. Hucal presented the report. An overview of Term One student

achievement was provided in all areas: reading, writing, mathematics, religion. Six learning skills were examined:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-regulation

Data results and trends were shared in all divisions. Equal Opportunities School and Special Education data trends were also outlined. New resources are being piloted in the Equal Opportunities schools. A question and answer period followed.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ELEMENTARY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

c) Secondary Student Achievement Update (Grades 10-12)

Mr. D. DiFrancesco introduced the report. Secondary student achievement was examined from this semester. Mr. Staibano, secondary consultant, presented the report. Data from Level 3 & 4 was shared in subjects religion, english, math, and science. A question and answer period followed.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SECONDARY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE (GRADES 10-12), DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

d) Secondary Student Attendance Update

Mr. DiFrancesco presented the report. Student Absenteeism has increased over the previous two semesters. Supports for students with the highest rates of absenteeism is crucial. School administrators have put measures in place to curb this trend. These measures include:

- Parent involvement
- Principal/Teacher involvement

- Student Accountability

A question and answer period followed the presentation of the report.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, SECONDARY STUDENT ATTENDANCE UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, BE RECEIVED

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. P. Daly

CARRIED

e) HWCD SB Bullying Prevention, Intervention and Follow-Up Committee Update

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report. Ms. C. D'Elia, principal St. Mary C.S.S. presented the report. Ms. D'Elia highlighted the report findings of the Bullying Prevention, Intervention, and follow-up committee. The Follow-up committee examined the following data.

- Anonymous Bullying Report Tool
- Location of Incident
- Sharing the bullying incidents with parents or school
- Suspension and expulsion data

The data will be analyzed on an ongoing basis and support provided where needed. Sharing of information is the greatest tool to obliterating bullying in the future. Mrs. Kovach noted that schools rely on Child Youth Workers and Social Workers to support the victim and the offender. A discussion took place. Every incident is investigated for future reference. A discussion took place. Mr. Daly noted concern that it takes repeated incidents to lead to a suspension. A discussion and answer period followed the presentation of the report.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCD SB BULLYING PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

ITEM 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

Future agenda items.

All recited the closing prayer.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee A. D'Intino moved adjournment at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. P. Homerski
Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary