

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Date: April 18, 2023

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson Daly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Trustee J. Valvasori led the opening prayer.

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

It was noted regrets were received from Trustees P. Homerski, M. Valvasori, and Student Trustee A. Okpere.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. P. Homerski, Mr. M Valvasori and Miss A. Okpere

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

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian

STAFF:

Miss. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. J. Athanasiou-Malisa, Manager of Social Work

Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education

Ms. A. Hicks, Elementary School Consultant

Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education

Ms. E. Niemiec, Student Achievement Consultant, 4-8

Mrs. L. Petruzzi, Supervised Alternative Learning Special Assignment Teacher

Mr. P. Piro, OYAP Coordinator

Ms. T. Zupancic, Technology & Digital Learning Consultant K-8

RECORDING SECRETARY: Ms. 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. A. D'Intino

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) Elementary Mathematics Resource Pilot Update

Mr. D. DiFrancesco introduced the report. Mrs. A. Hicks presented the report. The new piloted resources, *MATH Up* and *MY Math Path* were highlighted and the data obtained by educators was shared. Pilot participant feedback suggested My Math Path as the preferred resource. A question-and-answer period took place.

MOTION:

SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE PURCHASE OF MY MATH PATH RESOURCES FOR K-GRADE 5.

MOVER: Mrs. J. Angelini

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

b) Experiential Learning Update- Elementary

Mr. D. DiFrancesco introduced the report. Ms. E. Niemiec, Ms. T Zupanic, Mr. P. Piro presented the report. A variety of Experiential activities are available and were highlighted in the report. They include:

- Cultivating our Faith Experience;
- Motive power cross-panel experience;
- Aviation Cross panel experience;

- Inspiring young minds skilled trades engagement opportunities and;
- We build event

A total of 809 students will participate in the centrally coordinated experiential learning opportunities. Teacher /student feedback supports the success of these community-connected experiential learning opportunities in Grades 6-8. A question-and-answer period took place.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING UPDATE - ELEMENTARY, DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, BE RECEIVED

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

c) eLearning Update

Mr. DiFrancesco introduced the report. Mr. M. Noronha presented the report. An overview was provided of the eLearning program. Catholic Virtual Ontario (CVO), under the leadership of OCSTA provides equity of access for Catholic secondary students to take distinctly Catholic secondary courses developed by Catholic teachers throughout the province. A discussion took place. The Chairperson expressed thanks to Mr. Noronha for his dedicated work.

MOTION:

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

d) Hamilton -Wentworth Catholic District School Board Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Program Update

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report. Mrs .L. Petruzzi presented the report. The SAL program affords the flexibility to address those students who cannot attend the regular school format. Customized plans allow for individual student learning integrated with support from family and outside community partners. Trustees expressed gratitude to Mrs. Petruzzi and their support for the SAL program.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING (SAL) PROGRAM UPDATE, DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D'Intino

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

e) HWCDSD Social Workers Update 2022-2023

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report, Mrs. J Athanasiou-Malisa presented the report. An overview was provided of the important role of social workers in our schools. Mental Health challenges continue to be the focus of supporting students. A question-and-answer period took place. The Chairperson and a number of Trustees expressed deep gratitude to the Board; social workers for their valuable leadership.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCDSD SOCIAL WORKERS: UPDATE 2022-2023, DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

f) HWCDSD Child and Youth Workers Update 2022-2023

Mrs. T. Kovach introduced the report, Mrs. J Athanasiou-Malisa presented the report. The report highlighted how the work of Child Youth Care workers promote resiliency in the classroom.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HWCDSD CHILD AND YOUTH WORKERS: UPDATE 2022-2023 DATED, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

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 6:41 p.m.

Mr. P. Homerski
Chairperson

Mr. M. Hucal
Secretary