

Board Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2017 Trustee Board Room

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558 Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

AGENDA: 6:00 pm

- Call to Order
- 2. O Canada
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- 5. Confirmation of the Minutes:
 - June 12 and June 19, 2017
 - August 8, 2017
- 6. Correspondence
 - A. Joshua Weresch re: fundraising in schools
 - B. Halton District School Board re: Student Trustees and motions

Reports from Legislated Committees:

7. Parent Involvement Committee – June 13, 2017

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

- 8. Faith Community Advisory Committee June 21, 2017
- 9. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:
 - A. City/School Board Liaison Committee
 - B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association
 - C. HWDSB Foundation
 - D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)
- 10. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session) as per the Education Act, Section 207.2 (b) the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian

Meeting Resumes in Public Session

11. Adjournment

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Board Minutes June 12, 2017

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558 Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustees Tory Dockree, Elizabeth Wong.

Regrets were received from Trustee Pattison

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. A. Recognition of Staff and Students

Superintendent Jeff Gillies shared the story of a grade one student whose life was saved by the quick actions and heroics of staff from Billy Green School. He acknowledged each and every staff member involved and gave thanks for their part in saving this student who is now happy to be back at school. The Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board also shared their thanks to the staff of Billy Green School:

- Roseanne Cunningham (E.A.)
- Rich Taylor (Teacher)
- Pam Winter (E.A.)
- Karly Hill (Teacher)
- Brandon Berketa (Principal)
- Janet Adler (Vice-Principal)
- Karen Humphreys (Administrative Assistant)

B. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian introduced the following students and staff, outlining the contributions and achievements that they provide to fellow students, staff and the community at large.

Students:

- Gachi Issa Westdale student Nelson Mandela Award
- Isaiah Williams Westmount student Youth Achievement Awards

Staff:

- Kristin Roy Human Resources Legacy Scholarship from the organization Thinking Collaborative
- Aaron Puley Sir Winston Churchill Sharon Enkin Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education
- Chrisanthy Nicolaides Glendale 2017 Women of Distinction Awards
- Gabriela Covaci CCE 2017 Women of Distinction Awards
- Diana Panton Westdale 2017 Women of Distinction Awards
- Marie Robbins CCE Citizen of the Year

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #17-109: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes from May 29, 2017 and June 5, 2017 were confirmed.

6. Correspondence

A. Thames Valley DSB re: Funding for Children with Special Education Needs **RESOLUTION #17-110**: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the correspondence be received and filed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

B. Thames Valley DSC re: Realignment of Funding process and policies for school consolidations **RESOLUTION #17-111**: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the correspondence be received and filed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

C. Thames Valley DSB: First Nations Student Trustee

<u>RESOLUTION #17-112</u>: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the correspondence be referred to the First Nations Métis Inuit Committee and Student Senate.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. Program Committee – June 1, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-113:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the report of the Program Committee – June 1, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

8. Finance & Facilities Committee – June 7, 2017

The items of the report were voted on separately.

A. 2017-18 Budget Estimates

<u>RESOLUTION #17-114:</u> Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the report of the Finance & Facilities Committee – June 7, 2017 be approved, including:

1. That the Board approve the 2017-18 Operating Budget expenditures in the amount of \$558,749,514 and that the Executive Superintendent of Board Operations and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds (refer to Appendix C).

2. That the Board approve the 2017-18 Capital Budget expenditures in the amount of \$149,418,425 and that the Executive Superintendent of Board Operations and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds (refer to Appendix D). The Executive Superintendent of Board Operations and Treasurer is further authorized to secure short-term financing of project expenditures until such time as permanent funding is secured, if required.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustee Mulholland

B. Surplus Carry-Forward – School Budgets and Other Initiatives

<u>RESOLUTION #17-115:</u> Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the requests for school budget surplus carry forward into the 2017/2018 school year be approved (refer to Appendix A) and that the balance remaining at August 31, 2017 from funding for Major Capital Projects and Other Initiatives; if any, be transferred to working reserves on a temporary basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

C. Long Term Facilities Master Plan – Annual Update 2016-17 (Revised)

Trustee White took over as Chair reading out the Finance and Facilities report item C.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-116:</u> Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the Accommodation Strategy Schedule be approved as:

- West Mountain (West of Garth) in 2017/18
- West Mountain (East of Garth) in 2017/18
- Moratorium in 2018/19
- Dundas in 2019/20
- East Mountain (North of Linc) in 2019/20
- East Mountain (South of Linc) in 2019/20

Trustee Danko requested that the vote be split separating out the amendments – the movement of West Mountain (East of Garth) and the scheduled grade reorganization at James Macdonald Elementary School.

Amendment to the original motion:

<u>RESOLUTION #17-117</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That an amendment be made to the motion, to move West Mountain (East of Garth) from year 2017/18 to year 2019/20.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (7) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, and Mulholland. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (3) Trustees Beattie, Van Geffen and White

A second amendment, to schedule a grade reorganization in 2017/18 for James Macdonald Elementary School was brought forward by Trustee Hicks and seconded by Trustee Deathe.

This amendment FAILED on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (5) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Deathe, Hicks, and Mulholland. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (5) Trustees Beattie, Danko, Johnstone, Van Geffen and White

To the original motion as amended: That the Accommodation Strategy Schedule be approved:

- West Mountain (West of Garth) in 2017/18
- Moratorium in 2018/19
- Dundas in 2019/20
- West Mountain (East of Garth) in 2019/20
- East Mountain (North of Linc) in 2019/20
- East Mountain (South of Linc) in 2019/20

The amended motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (6) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, and Mulholland. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (4) Trustees Beattie, Danko, Van Geffen and White

Trustee Hicks took over as the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee to complete the remainder of the report

D. 2017 Capital Priorities Project Funding Submission

<u>RESOLUTION #17-118</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That Hess Street School be removed from the list of priorities.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-119</u>: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That an amendment be made to the motion, to move Sherwood Secondary School up on the priority list to #4.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, and Mulholland, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustees Beattie

To the <u>original motion as amended</u>: That Hess Street School be removed from the list of priorities and that Sherwood Secondary School be moved up to #4 on the priority list.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, Mulholland, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustee Beattie

<u>RESOLUTION #17-120</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: That the remainder of the report (monitoring items E-I) be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

9. Audit Committee – June 8, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-121:</u> Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Audit Committee – June 8, 2017 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

Reports from Legislated Committees:

10. Special Education Advisory Committee – May 31, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-122:</u> Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – May 31, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

<u>RESOLUTION #17-123:</u> Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That data be collected to review the impact of extra supports in the classroom to try to discern the appropriate level of resources (i.e., EAs, LRTs, etc.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

11. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – May 31, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-124:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the report of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – May 31, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

12. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

<u>RESOLUTION #17-125</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



Board Minutes June 19, 2017

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Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustee Tory Dockree.

Regrets were received from Trustee Dawn Danko and Student Trustee Elizabeth Wong

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Delegations – Re: Boundary Review for Ancaster, Dundas & Flamborough

- Pamela Sunjic shared that the Powerline Rd students would like to attend the new school located at the Beverly Central community school site. These students would like to remain in the Lynden community.
- Marry-Anne Somerville shared that her family would like to remain in the Beverly and Lynden rural school and community areas as they have been a part of that community for generations.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Reports from Staff

4. Ancaster, Dundas & Flamborough Boundary Review

Superintendent Torrens outlined the process for the Boundary Review, the purpose of the meeting and the rationale behind the three options that were presented to Trustees. Trustee Van Geffen thanked staff for the presentation and for their hard work in completing a boundary review in a timely manner. Trustee Van Geffen presented the Board with an alternative option.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-126</u>: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the following** recommended boundaries for the Ancaster, Dundas and Flamborough areas be approved:

- A. That the boundary change between the new School on the Beverly Community Centre Site and the new C.H. Bray be approved as per revised Map #1 –That all Power Line Road West addresses attend the New School on the Beverly Community Centre Site.
- B. That all Power Line Road East families with students attending Queens Rangers be given the choice to attend the new School on the Beverly Community Centre Site or the new C.H. Bray for all students in the family. All new students on Power Line Road East will attend the new CH Bray.
- C. That the boundary change between the new School on the Beverly Community Centre Site, new C.H. Bray and Sir William Osler be approved as per revised Map #1 Expansion of Sir William Osler Boundary to Include Part of Governors Road. South of Governors Road Attends New C.H. Bray.
- D. That the boundary change between the new School on the Beverly Community Centre Site and new School on the Greensville School Site be approved as per revised Map #1 –That Middletown Road addresses south of Hwy 5 West attend the New School on the Greensville School Site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Dockree voted in favour

5. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustee Dockree shared that there have been two Senate meetings since the last update. At the meetings they had the senators reflect on their experience over the past year. The Senators felt that they were a part of the Board and that they had a voice that was heard. They thoroughly enjoyed their year on Senate and celebrated with a bit of a party at their last meeting. There was also discussion of having a student on senate who could represent the indigenous students at HWDSB. The new executive council have been chosen for OSTA and are currently undergoing training to take over their new roles. Both Elizabeth and Tory attended the recent OPSBA conference and were grateful for the opportunity to engage with Trustees from the other Boards. The student trustees received a lot of support from OSTA/AECO and fellow student trustees across the province on Trustee Johnstone's motion to have Student Trustee representation at OPSBA. Trustee Johnstone thanked the Student Trustees for all of their hard work over the past year, for their professionalism as well as the initiation of the Elementary Student Senate. Trustee Deathe shared that at the recent OPSBA conference HWDSB had 2 out of the 3 student trustees who attended and the Chair of OPSBA mentioned how great it was to have student voice at the table.

B. Director's Report

The Director shared some highlights of the past year.

Effective Communications – the Director indicated that our good news stories are getting out more frequently and the Communications Audit had some clear recommendations that now will be put in place.

Partnership – the Director highlighted three key events that directly impact students that HWDSB and partners held over the past year – The City of Hamilton Chasing the Future 2041, the HWDSB Robotics Competition with ArcelorMittal Dofasco and Hamilton Community Foundation with Abicus.

Positive Culture and Well-Being – the Director shared that he attended an event with both Sir John A Macdonald and Delta students who provided insights into the positive and challenging experience that they have encountered. There is now a group of students who will be sharing their voices to support students and staff to understand and learn the diversities within their communities.

School Renewal – the Director thanked the staff of both Business and Facilities for the work that they have completed. He reflected on the tough decisions that have been made with the PAR's since 2012 and the positive impact that these decisions have had for our students.

Student Learning and Achievement – the Director shared that our graduation rate continues to go up in the right direction toward our target. Staff are excited to align our high priorities school plan with our student learning and achievement plan and our positive culture and well-being with a strong focus on reading with the support of community partners.

The Director congratulated and paid tribute to Superintendent Peter Joshua who will be taking over the role of Director with the Peel District School Board.

C. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone updated the Board on the following items:

- The AGM was held on June 8-11, 2017. The motion to have Student Trustee representation at OPSBA table was passed. Trustee Johnstone approached our Student Trustees for support to determine if this was something that was desired and they connected with fellow student trustees across the province who then wrote letters of support as well as from OSTA/AECO.
- The request for a Governance Review did not pass however, it was asked that it go back to OSPBA and be considered again in a year giving the new Director the time to get settled.

- Legislative update Bill 142 was introduced, Bill 148 review and Rural and Remote Education Review
- CSBA AGM will be held in Whistler BC this year with a focus on First Nations students and education.

D. Chair's Report

The Chair shared that he and Trustee Bingham met with the City regarding the possibility of a Community Hub located on the Sir John A Macdonald site.

The Chair received news that HWDSB's top 3 capital priorities have been approved by the Ministry which include 2 new schools and 1 large addition for a total of 33.5 million dollars. HWDSB has received 173 million dollars in extra funding since 2012 to support the changes in our infrastructure. There are 8 schools in the works to be built and in total it will be 9 new schools and 10 additions that HWDSB has been granted.

6. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

<u>RESOLUTION #17-127</u>: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 7:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

The open session resumed at 9:15 p.m.

7. Committee of the Whole (private) June 19, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-128</u>: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – June 19, 2017 be approved including**:

- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from June 7, 2017 be received.
- That the Audit Committee report from June 8, 2017 be approved including that a Back-Up Disaster and Recovery Audit and Health & Safety Audit be performed as part of the 2017-18 Internal Audit.
- That the tentative, revised Terms and Conditions of Employment for Principals and Vice Principals, effective September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2020 be approved.
- That the Human Resources Committee report from May 11, 2017 be approved including a personnel matter.
- That a staff report related to a personnel matter be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Dockree voted in favour

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Board Minutes August 8, 2017

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558 Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko (electronically), Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone (electronically), Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustees Hye and Jael

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Reports from Staff

3. Capital Priorities Project Funding Submission for 2017

Staff presented the current 2017 Capital Priority Project submission list to Trustees to include Priority 6: West Hamilton City PAR – New School.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-129</u>: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the current 2017 Capital Priority Project submission list (Resolution #17-199) to the Ministry of Education (MOE) be updated to include priority 6: West Hamilton City PAR – New School.

Amendment to the original motion

<u>RESOLUTION #17-130</u>: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: That Priority #6 West Hamilton PAR – New School in the current 2017 Capital Priority Project submission list (Resolution #17-199) to the Ministry of Education (MOE) be moved up to position #2 and the subsequent priorities be moved down the list by one number.

The amended motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Hicks, Mulholland, Pattison Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Hye and Jael voted in favour.

Opposed: (2) Trustees Beattie and Johnstone

To the Original Motion as amended,

That the current 2017 Capital Priority Project submission list (Resolution #17-199) to the Ministry of Education (MOE) be updated to include West Hamilton City PAR – New School in the position of Priority #2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Hye and Jael voted in favour

4. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

RESOLUTION #17-131: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 4:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Hye and Jael voted in favour

The open session resumed at 5:50 p.m. Trustee Danko was no longer participating electronically.

- 5. Committee of the Whole (private) August 8, 2017

 RESOLUTION #17-132: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) August 8, 2017 be approved including:
 - That a staff report related to a property matter be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Dockree voted in favour

The meeting adjourned at $5:51\ p.m.$



Joshua Weresch

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Trustees of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board c/o Heather Miller Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court Haudenosaunee land L9A 0B9

To the trustees of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board:

Good evening. My name is Joshua Weresch. I am a parent of a Grade 1 student and I write to the trustees in that capacity and role, regarding fund-raising throughout public schools in Hamilton.

On June 5, 2017, Hamilton Mountain News re-printed an article from the Hamilton Spectator, written by Andrea Gordon, entitled, New report highlights gaps between province's poorest and most affluent schools. The article states that the latest annual report from People for Education indicates that the gap between the kids from the most affluent neighbourhoods and those from high-needs neighbourhoods continues to widen. Fund-raising is, among other areas, 'one of the biggest barriers to equity'. Given this information, I have several questions to ask of trustees and of the public-school Board. First, can fund-raising be used for educational purposes, as the article states, 'fund-raising should not be used for education'? Second, what percentage of fund-raised money is used in both elementary and secondary schools for learning resources? Third and finally, what percentage of money within all elementary and secondary schools' budgets is raised by fund-raising?

Regarding the state of fund-raising itself within the Board, I would like to propose that trustees direct the Board to collect all fund-raised money into a single account and then disburse it according to the principle: from each, according to their ability; to each, according to their need. Through discussion with my trustee, Dawn Danko, she has informed me that school councils can fundraise for things that benefit all students in their schools; also, if staff at schools choose, they could do a fund-raiser for another

school or one that would go to support other students or charities. Also, she stated that schools could fundraise for the Board's Foundation as all fund-raising dollars flow through the Foundation. A possible way forward for this single account to be created is simply for all fund-raising to be collected and disbursed through the Foundation. Trustee Danko also informed me that fund-raising requires a specific initiative prior to fund-raising: a central document could be created that lists the needs of the poorest schools in the city and the amounts required to meet those needs. Before schools in wealthier neighbourhoods are allowed to meet their own schools' needs, a policy amendment or directive could ensure that the needs of students in the poorest schools are met, first of all, as an issue of equity and of justice. I cannot imagine that a principal in a school would refuse requests for fund-raising that are of this nature and it seems clear that all students would certainly benefit.

I realize that this issue of wealth in certain neighbourhoods instead of others raises the issue of classism and socio-economic inequality, but this is an issue, too, of equity and of justice, one that must be frankly discussed in order to be addressed. Gordon's article states that the absence of specialized teachers, especially in rural schools, including psychologists, librarians, music and arts teachers, and physical-education teachers means that fund-raising creates a two-tier system for schools to raise money from their wealthy neighbours so students can access field trips, arts, and recreation. Though her article speaks of these larger issues, movement toward equity can continue in the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

I look forward to your reply, consideration of my proposal, and action in this matter. Thank you very much for your time and attention in these regards.

Regards,

Joshua Weresch



Halton District School Board

Stuart Miller, Director of Education

Kelly Amos, Chair of the Board

July 2017

Hon. Kathleen Wynne Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

The Halton District School Board Trustees would like to support one of the requests from the OSTA-AECO Ontario Student Trustees letter of May 22, 2017.

From the letter; "That the Ontario Government allow students to begin the discussions surrounding items that are most pertaining to their constituency, by allowing student trustees the right to independently move and second motions during Board meetings."

Trustees of the Halton District School Board support this motion if the student trustees move a motion with an elected trustee as seconder, or a student trustee is able to act as a seconder to a motion moved by an elected trustee.

On a motion from our June 21st Board meeting;

M17-0105 "Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct the Chair to write a letter in support of the OSTA/AECO position on student trustees, specifically to the intent to allow student trustees to be able to move a motion with an elected trustee as seconder, or a student trustee as a seconder to a motion moved by an elected trustee."

Moved by D. Danielli / A. Grebenc Carried Unanimously.

Student Trustees are a strong, effective and positive voice for students. Their role on the Board is a link between students and the Board and they represent the student voice. Student trustees can already suggest motions to advance issues and cast a non-binding vote, so the ability to move a motion with an elected trustee or acting as a seconder to a motion moved by an elected trustee is a natural extension of the role of the Student Trustee and will help in advancing the student vision and working towards improving education in Ontario.

Regards,
Kelly Amos

Kelly Amos Chair HDSB Cc: HDSB Trustees

HDSB Student Trustees

Stuart Miller, Director of Education HDSB

Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP, Halton

Kevin Flynn, MPP, Oakville

Eleanor McMahon, MPP, Burlington

Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills

OSTA-AECO Ontario Student Trustee Association

OPSBA Member Boards

Committee Report

Presented to: Board Meeting date: September 18, 2017

From: Parent Involvement Committee Meeting date: June 13, 2017

The committee held a meeting on June 13, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:40 p.m., at the Education Centre, 20 Education Court, Hamilton, Ontario, with Margaret Reid presiding.

Members present were: Margaret Reid, Rochelle Butler, Shannon Gould, Amanda Fehrman, Harold Hoff, Heather Lambert-Hillen, Tyler McNeil, Susan Millman, Angela Murchie, Mike Palma, Shelley Stacey, Joanne Thompson, Sandra Binns, Corrie Ledgerwood, Wasan Mohamed, Melanie Roberts and Trustee Penny Deathe.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Election - Vice Chair

Amanda Fehrman was elected Vice-Chair for 2017-2018.

B. Scavenger Hunt

Andrea Buttars from Wesley attended the meeting and provided members with information around this community opportunity.

C. Long Term Facilities Master Plan

Dave Anderson, Senior Manager, Facilities Department provided a power point presentation. Question and Answer period followed.

D. Standing Items

Updates were provided for the following Standing items:

- French as a Second Language Advisory Committee
- Rural School Advisory
- Home and School
- Policy
- Board
- Communication sub-committee
- Profiling Volunteer Excellence
- School Council support

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Reid, Chair of the Committee

Committee Report

Presented to: Board Meeting date: September 18, 2017

From: Faith Community Advisory Committee Meeting date: June 21, 2017

The committee held a meeting on June 21, 2017 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Education Centre, 20 Education Court, Hamilton, Ontario, with Co-Chairs Anne Pearson and Bob Sim presiding.

Members present were: Madeleine Levy, John Huculiak, Anne Pearson, Hanif Karim, Emily Wilson, Bob Sim, Geoffrey Korz, Sadhna Jayatunge, Sukhdeep Dhillon, Josh Mutter, Mahendra Deonarain, Trustees Penny Deathe and Jeff Beattie.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Committee Purpose

The committee reviewed the terms of reference. It was agreed to have further discussion on Section 3.01 of the Governance Statements for Community Advisory committees and one year/two year term decisions at the next meeting scheduled for Sept. 27, 2017.

B. Election of Chair/Co-Chairs

Bob Sim and Anne Pearson were elected Co-Chairs.

C. Holy Day Calendar - Input

The committee will review and provide feedback by June 28, 2017.

D. Parent Communication Tool Draft for Input

The document will be revised so it is more user friendly.

E. Process for Selection of Community Representative

Superintendent Sharon Stephanian to take this item to staff for review.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Pearson, Co-Chair Bob Sim, Co-Chair