
Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Penny Deathe, Dawn Danko, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Todd White. **Student Trustee** Ruby Hye

Regrets: Trustees Christine Bingham and Greg Van Geffen. **Student Trustee** Morghen Jael

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian introduced the following staff and students highlighting their achievements and contributions to the Board.

Students:

- Griffin Behiel - Ontario Junior Citizen Award – Nominee (Ancaster Meadow)
- Alec Purnell - John C. Holland Award - Ray Lewis Scholarship – Winner (Dundas Valley SS)
- Emeline Auguste - John C. Hollard Award Nominee (Westdale)
- Tyra Lewis - John C. Holland Award Nominee (Westdale)
- Salsabil Sarhan - John C. Holland Award Nominee (Sir John A. Macdonald)

Staff:

- Robert Flosman - Governor General's History Award - Excellence in Teaching

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #18-42: Trustee Pattison, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hye voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

5. Finance & Facilities Committee – March 7, 2018

RESOLUTION #18-43: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities**

Committee Report – March 7, 2018 be approved including that the 2018/2019 Board Budget priorities be approved as:

- Improving Literacy
- Improving Mathematics
- School Revitalization
- Special Education
- Student Supports
- 21st Century Learning (Transforming Learning Everywhere)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hye voted in favour

6. Audit Committee – March 8, 2018

RESOLUTION #18-44: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Audit Committee Report – March 8, 2018 be approved including that external audit firm of KPMG be retained as the external auditors of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the 2017-18 fiscal year.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Hye voted in favour

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

RESOLUTION #18-45: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private),** this being done at 6:43 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Hye voted in favour

The open session resumed at 8:18 p.m.

8. Committee of the Whole (Private) March 26, 2018

RESOLUTION #18-46: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – March 26, 2018 be approved including:**

- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from March 7, 2018 be approved including a hydro easement with Alectra Utilities on the New North Secondary School site.
- That the Audit Committee report from March 8, 2018 be received.
- That the staff report related to the downtown community hub be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Hye voted in favour

9. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustee Hye reported that the Progress Committee is working on updating the Student Trustee Handbook and will be creating an info graphic version of the Handbook. The student trustees have each received OSTA mentors (student trustee alumni from across the province assigned to current student trustees to offer best practices and tips.

The Secondary Senate will be working with the HWDSB Arts Department and Karen Wilkins to promote and run the opening night of the annual HWDSB Arts Exhibit that is being held at the Education Centre on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The Senate has also begun developing a Senator prolife/criteria list which will be sent out alongside the call for the selection on next year's senators.

Model City Hall Hamilton is a one day conference in which we are reaching out to secondary students to engage in municipal politics. The Conference is on Sunday, May 27, 2018. For more information please go to www.modelcityhall.org

B. Director's Report

Director of Education, Manny Figueiredo, gave an outline of some of the events that reflect on our five priorities:

Positive Culture and Well-Being – the Partnership Report will be coming to Trustees at the April Program Committee and will include the results of the Parent Survey.

Student Learning and Achievement – Executive Council spent March in a quarterly review that will be coming to the Program Committee in June.

School Renewal – Director Figueiredo visited Sir Wilfrid Laurier last week with Superintendent Gillies and the Staff are focused on Student’s reading by Grade one and there is excitement about the upcoming addition to the school.

Partnerships – the Director spoke of the 2nd Annual Elementary Robotics competition that was held at the Education Centre in partnership with ArcelorMittal Dofasco.

C. Chair’s Report

The Chair of the Board, Todd White shared that the Ward Boundary consultation went live on March 20, 2018. The Ward Boundary Information night will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Education Centre.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.