



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Minutes
Saltfleet School Council Meeting
Tuesday March 9, 2021
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chair: Ann Sisak

Co-Chair: Christy Wallingham

Minutes: Kara McCaughen

Attendees: Billy Dhillon, Paul Fox, Christine Nicolaides, Robyn Patchev, Glenn Cooke, Bob Ellis, Andrea Moore, Ross Gibson, Trish Gibson,

Item No.	Agenda Item	Person	Summary	Follow up
1.1	Welcome and Introductions	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All welcomed 	
1.2	Approval of Agenda	Ann & Christy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No agenda distributed 	
1.2	Approval of Previous Minutes	Ann & Christy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously approved 	
2.0 Correspondence				
2.1	HWDSB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please subscribe to HWDSB & Saltfleet District High School to receive updates 	
3.0 Standing Items				
3.1	Principal's Report	Paul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jostens is booked for grad photos-- dates set aside for end of April/early May at the school. If parents want to ensure they are done on time they can call ahead to have photos done at the studio. Preliminary reports to be printed Thursday and brought home Friday-- for those learning remotely, reports will be mailed. Doesn't show on the portal as it is not a Ministry mandated report card. Staffing-- teacher changes-- LTOs covering absent teachers-- getting better postings 	

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			<p>elsewhere and have been moving on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option sheets-- XELLO program-- can access online. Guidance counsellors are doing follow up. • Enrollment projection due next week-- Board puts in an anticipated enrollment estimate. Current estimate is 1111. • Attendance protocol - what counts as an absence? If students are scheduled to attend morning block class and they choose to stay home, they may log in/participate, however, they are still marked as absent. This is part of the protocol for contact tracing purposes (as per Ministry protocol). A code was proposed for kids registered to attend who participate on line, but it was declined by the ministry. In the afternoon it is dependent on whether you log in to your designated class. • Attendance is not included in the official transcript-- it is on the report card for parent information. No marks correlated to attending/not attending. New memo came out today-- attendance taking may be subject to change. • Incorrect absences in the app-- not to worry-- doesn't count against their marks. Seems to be happening to many/most of us. If it is happening regularly, follow up with school. School is more concerned with patterns/ongoing absences that show students are not engaging. • Call is in to IT regarding having supply teachers be a part of the Teams class for teacher absences, attendance taking process for supply teachers, etc. • Learning Commons is being renovated. Architect has been in-- they are developing a preliminary design plan. Hoping to be ready for the fall. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asymptomatic COVID clinic happening again March 19th--143 tests with no positives at the last clinic. Students and staff at the school along with feeder schools are eligible to participate. 	
3.2	Student Parliament Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
4.0 New Business				
4.1	Parent Engagement Funds	Christy & Ann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent engagement funds-- \$500 from HWDSB to help improve student achievement etc. Can be used for coffee room, open house, childcare during meetings, pamphlets, parent handbooks, police checks for volunteers, etc. Historically we have used funds for the wreath making. Request for ideas to use the money-- possibly a workshop on helping kids with resiliency, safety in social media, etc. Looking for ideas. Cannot roll funds over to the next year. Running out of time as it must be used up by August 31, 2021. Parents feeling "virtualed out" therefore may not get a great response to a virtual presentation. COVID prevents any in person activities. The consensus was to not use these funds this year. However, if any ideas arise, please forward ideas to Christy or Ann. 	Christy & Ann
4.2	Astronomy Tower	Kara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astronomy tower-- not available due to lack of student interest and/or available staff to teach. Software running the telescope is also out of date. Needs to be "calibrated". Off limits at the moment due to COVID restrictions, but can it be used again moving forward-- check with the science department as to what it might take to use in moving forward-- Paul to investigate. 	Paul

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4.3	Next meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="827 175 1444 238">• April Meeting cancelled due to spring break. Next meeting will be May 11th	