



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Minutes
Saltfleet School Council Meeting
Tuesday May 11, 2021
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chair: Ann Sisak

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Attendees: Billy Dhillon, Paul Fox, 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	Glenn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Returning to the classroom this semester</u>: It is unclear if students will return to school for the remainder of this semester – Staff are thinking that the decision will be to continue online learning only. It may not be worth it to move from online back into the school at this time <u>Grad</u>: If the City moves into the red zone staff are planning on having a drive/walk up grad. There will be tents for shelter and caps and gowns in the building. Students will get a grad package and photo op with family in front of the Saltfleet grad sign – The same software used to schedule parent interviews will be 	

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			<p>used to book an appointment – Staff were told that they are to start around June 14th and grad must occur outside of school hours. However, if each student takes 10 minutes, they would need 50 hours of grad time. Due to this, staff are asking for some leeway to allow for more time – Grad will be more like a commencement rather than a grad. It can be uncomfortable if a student misses a final credit and thus does not graduate with peers. This is an equity issue and should be a celebration of time at your school even if not graduating – If we remain in the grey zone, diplomas will still be distributed – Valedictorian will be selected – Grad video will be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Budget</u>: Good news from the Board – Previously school could only carry over 10% of unused money. Now they can carry over any amount of unused money due to being so restricted in what can be purchase right now le) delivery service issues put restrictions on purchasing items. This pause on purchases are allowing for a carryover of the unused budget. • <u>Timetable</u>: A draft has been made – Staff are waiting to see what the direction is from the Ministry on what model the school is going to have to follow – There will be some remote learning. eLearning is an option on time-table – Timetable on pause until they get direction • <u>Staffing</u>: It is projected that the school population will be a little bigger next year, so this supports all staff remaining at Saltfleet. • <u>Multipurpose Room</u>: Tech and art room. - The kids are not in school, so it is easy to get this converted. • <u>Field</u>: Clubs have using the turf, thus the grass is not settling and growing. It needs time to get established. Although, Saltfleet 	

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			<p>wants people to use the area, some time is required to allow the grass to grow properly – At this time, staff are wanting to ensure that the track is used only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fitness Room</u>: Being painted – School is hoping Heritage Green will update equipment. • <u>Library</u>: – Room has gone to tender. Renos will be done in the summer and should be done by September if no issues. This is just a makeover to re-organize the area and make it more functional. – There will be a glass wall between the main area and the Robotics area. – There is a new Learning Commons teacher. • <u>Summer school</u> – Will be virtual – Registration already open. Students to make an appointment with the guidance counselor now. • <u>Astronomy tower</u>: The tower was 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 it will be reviewed for future use. Mr. Smith, a retired teacher, was contacted. He is a member of the Hamilton Astronomers Society. He may help facilitate the use of the tower once allowed to come back. – When students return, staff will see if there is an interest. – Software issues will also be investigated more. 	
3.2	Student Parliament Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
4.0 New Business				
4.1	Quadmester Learning Model 2021-2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New model for face to face classes for at least the first semester. The school year will be divided into four quarter or sections with each quarter or section offering two face-face classes. Students will be taking two courses 	

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			at a time, rather than 4. – Communication about this on the HWDSB website.	
4.2	Next meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See you next year. If you have any questions, please contact staff or School Council 	