



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Minutes
Saltfleet School Council Meeting
Tuesday January 17, 2022

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chair: Ann Sisak
 Co – Chair: Christy Wallingham
 Minutes: Kara McCaughen

Attendees: Glenn Cooke, Trish Gibson, Diana Rodgers, Shannon Thompson, Julia Penman, Susi Owen, Collin Hazell

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| 1.1 | 7:00 | Welcome and Introductions | All | A few new members | Update |
| 1.2 | 7:00 – 7:05 | Approval of Agenda | Christy & Ann | | Approved |
| 1.3 | 7:05 – 7:05 | Approval of Previous Minutes | Christy & Ann | None—December was wreath making event instead of a meeting | N/A |
| 2.0 Correspondence | | | | | |
| 2.1 | 7:10 – 7:10 | HWDSB Website: Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (hwdsb.on.ca) Saltfleet Website: Saltfleet District High School (hwdsb.on.ca) Saltfleet School Council Email: saltfleetsc@hwdsb.on.ca Facebook: Saltfleet School Council Twitter: SDHS School Council @ SDHS_SC Engage HWDSB: engagehwdsb.ca | All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please subscribe to HWDSB & Saltfleet District High School to receive updates • School Council Bylaws, Minutes, Meeting dates can be found under the School Council section • Subscribe to our Facebook and Twitter accounts • Online space where students, families, staff and communities can learn more about work at HWSD, share their voice and follow processes as they happen. – Quick & easy to register – Current topics: What Brings You Joy?, Naming of School Policy Review?, Whistle-blower Policy & Bully Prevention & Intervention Policy. Good resource. | Update |

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| 2.2 | 7:10-7:15 | <p>The PIC Connection https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/get-involved/school-council/</p> <p>PIC Connects: 6:30 – 8:30 pm Tues Feb 28th – Lawfield Elementary Tues Apr 4th – Coots Paradise Elementary Tues May 23rd – Viola Desmond Elementary</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter for School Council • discussed are School Council Support, Communication Standards, and general Board inquiries from parents. Their main priority is to offer these sessions to connect with a variety of parents, guardians, and caregivers who are volunteering their time to support the work and leadership of School Council. There is no RSVP required. | Update |
| <p>3.0 Standing Items</p> | | | | | |
| 3.1 | 7:15 – 7:25 | Principal's Report | Glenn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about Opt-Out process for Online Learning Requirement. 2 online learning credits required if you started high school after September 2020. Students can opt out if parents request it. There is a process for students to opt themselves out if over 18. Certificate of Accomplishment students (special class students—14 credits) do not have the online requirements. Current grade 11s will only need 1 online credit to graduate. More info on Opt-Out process available on Parent Portal. Almost any course can be offered as an online credit. Courses can be selected that are not normally offered at Saltfleet. Ultimately the principal can override if it looks like a student's graduation is threatened b/c of no online credits. Online summer school credits count. More info on the guidance webpage as well. If a student is exempted then changes their mind, the exemption can be revoked. • Volunteer hours—there is a volunteer board in the guidance office for kids looking for placement options. Trish who runs a Food Pantry at a church may also have opportunities. • Information about incident on Jan 11, 2023. 2 letters that were sent virtually. Some info | Update |

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| | | | | <p>cannot be shared due to the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The level of info shared can also make it difficult for the police/crown to do their job (corrupted witness information, creates “doubt in the process”). Accused’s name was initially released on certain social media—has been/must be taken down. Victim’s mom has allowed the school to share that victim is home and prognosis is good. Support staff was offered/available at the school for students and staff—not overly accessed initially. St. Thomas Moore accident occurred at the same time also taking some focus and causing concern amongst students/families—school is trying to offer supports around this as well. Stabbing was not on school property-- approx. 20-minute walk away from the school, 30 minutes after school. Parties were known to each other. Does not appear to have been a hate motivated crime— media reports stated it was related to a potential theft. School is working with both families (victim and accused) to try to offer support. Staff had no prior knowledge of a potential altercation, weapon, etc. There are protocols in place to protect students when a threat is perceived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam info should be on the website again later this week. Buses—Library Learning Commons for kids who bus and need to stay for the day. No cafeteria services. All exams are at 8:15 am. • Grad: commencement model—able to have grad earlier in the month. Booked for Mohawk College Monday June 5 @ 4 pm. Process still to be determined re: tickets. Grad formal/prom has not been set yet. | |
| 3.2 | 7:25 – 7:40 | <p>Student Parliament Report</p> <p>Student website: stormbuzz.commonshwdsb.on.ca</p> | Deema | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deema not available today. Parliament is on pause right now due to exams. Will start up again after exams. Looking into things for Black History Month and reflecting the diversity within the school. | Update |

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| 4.0 New Business | | | | | |
| 4.1 | 7:40 – 7:50 | Parent Engagement Funds | All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update deferred until next week—waiting to hear back from some admin • Wreath making—lots of people from Churchill, not a lot of Saltfleet attendees—poor advertising? Location? • \$ 500 • Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family events (for example: to support math or literacy, family nutrition, physical activity or mental health) - Virtual Open House to showcase student talent, art, and accomplishments - To cover fees/honourariums for speaker - To support communication and language needs. • Have had some great ideas from School Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest speaker <u>or</u> - School Council Stylus - for iPads for Saltfleet students. - Meet and Greet - Joint Winter wreath event with Churchill | Update |
| | | Additional items | Shannon/ Glenn/ Robin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out an email with some links for mental health support surrounding exam stress. Includes strategies for parent/caregiver handout for parents to support students in exams. “We Help” on HWDSB webpage also very helpful. – Christy will forward links as well • Some supports for students at lunch — “cocoa and cram” offered at the school. • Not all classes have exams—was not | Update |

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| | | | | <p>mandated—appropriateness based on the program and the students in the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff meeting on Jan 19th—will discuss how to support kids who have not had exam experience, study habits, styles and strategies etc. • Credit rescue—when there were not exams, there were Student Success days that offered extra time for students to earn their credits. Some courses are still using that model at the moment instead of exams (ie fitness reassessments in phys ed, lab practical assignments for science, etc). If a student fails and does not get their credit, they can do Alt Ed/credit recovery credit—teacher submits a credit profile that identifies the level of expectations that were not met/not satisfactorily met and give them a chance to make up the credit through a learning strategies credit by focussing on the areas in which they did not meet the requirement. While taking all their classes, they can do this learning strategies credit to try to pick up the missed credit. This way they don't have to repeat the full class/credit and they don't get behind by having to take the course over in place of a new course. Students cannot select the Alt Ed/Credit Recovery—the school has to refer the student. Provides some hope/purpose to students who are feeling like there is no point to finishing the class/credit. | |
| 4.2 | 7:50-8:00 | Meetings for balance of year | All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual or In-Person? • Feb-- virtual • March-- none • April—in person • May— TBD in April • June—social? TBD in April | Voted |
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| 5.0 Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb 21, 2023 | | | | | |