

#### **Board Meeting**

Monday, September 30, 2019
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. Thank you and Farewell from MP David Christopherson
- 4. Profiling Excellence

#### Students:

- Arjun Ram, Norwood Park CBC Kids News: Freelance Junior Reporter
- Diljot Badesha, Saltfleet Stoney Creek Junior Citizen of the Year
- Deema Abdel Hafeez, Janet Lee Speaker's Idol Third Place
- 5. Approval of the Agenda
- 6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- 7. Confirmation of the Minutes September 16, 2019

#### Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

- 8. Policy Committee September 11, 2019
- 9. Finance & Facilities September 19, 2019
- 10. Governance Committee September 23, 2019

#### Reports from Legislated Committees:

- 11. Parent Involvement Committee September 10, 2019
- 12. 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

- 13. Report from Committee of the Whole (private) September 30, 2019
- 14. Oral Reports from:
  - A. Student Trustees' Report Local Activities & Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Report
  - B. Director's Report
  - C. Chair's Report
- 15. Adjournment





## **Board Minutes September 16, 2019**

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Trustees: Kathy Archer, Becky Buck, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Cam Galindo, Alex Johnstone, Maria Felix Miller, Carole Paikin Miller, Ray Mulholland and Paul Tut. Student Trustees Cameron Prosic and Ahona Mehdi.

#### 1. Call to Order

Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

The Chair of the Board welcomed Trustee Maria Felix Miller and Student Trustee Ahona Mehdi to the Board.

#### 2. Oath of Allegiance – Trustee, Ward 3

Maria Felix Miller declared the Oath of Allegiance as Trustee, Ward 3 under the guidance of Attorney Mark Zega.

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

<u>RESOLUTION #19-108:</u> Trustee Paikin Miller, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the agenda be approved.** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

#### 5. Confirmation of the Minutes – June 10, 2019 and June 17, 2019

The minutes of June 10, 2019 and June 17, 2019 were confirmed.

#### 6. Correspondence: Waterloo Region DSB re: Letter to Minister of Education

<u>RESOLUTION #19-109:</u> Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the correspondence:

Waterloo Region DSB re: Letter to the Minister of Education be received and filed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### **Reports from Legislated Committees**

7. Parent Involvement Committee - June 11, 2019

<u>RESOLUTION #19-110:</u> Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the Parent Involvement** Committee Report – June 11, 2019 be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### **Reports from Community Advisory Committees**

8. Human Rights & Equity Community Advisory Committee – June 24, 2019

<u>RESOLUTION #19-111:</u> Trustee Paikin Miller, seconded by Trustee Galindo, moved: **That Human Rights &**Equity Community Advisory Committee Report – June 24, 2019 be approved including that the advisory committee be permitted to continue beyond the mandated 2018-19 academic year and continue under the Community Advisory Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### **Reports from Staff**

#### 9. Capital Priorities Project Funding Submission Report

Staff shared that they were very excited when they received news in August that the Ministry has now opened business case submissions for Capital Priorities from Boards across the Province until September 30, 2019. The Capital Priorities Program (CPP) provides school boards with an opportunity to identify and address their most urgent pupil accommodation needs, including:

- accommodation pressures;
- replacing schools in poor condition;
- supporting past consolidation decisions;
- providing facilities for French-language rights holders in under-served areas; and
- creating child care spaces in schools.

The priorities are in the following order:

- 1. Rousseau New School
- 2. SJAM Hub New School
- 3. Sherwood New School
- 4. Binbrook II New School
- 5. Upper Stoney Creek New School

<u>RESOLUTION #19-112:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the 2019 Capital Priority** Projects report be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education by the required deadline of September 30, 2019.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### **Appointment to Board Mandated Committee**

10. Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) – 1 member to join until end of term (November 30, 2019)

RESOLUTION #19-113: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: That Trustee Penny Deathe and Maria Felix Miller be appointed to the SAL Committee for the remainder of the term (November 30, 2019).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### 11. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

**RESOLUTION #19-114:** Trustee Tut, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 6:59 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

The open session resumed at 7:59 p.m.

#### 12. Committee of the Whole (Private) - September 16, 2019

Trustee Danko shared that there was no report at this time.

#### 13. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

#### A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

The Committee will meet on October 10, 2019 at the Education Centre. Details will be shared closer to the meeting date.

#### B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Danko shared that on September 26, 2017 the Home & School Association will be hosting an event "Understanding Budget Impact" from 7:00-8:30 p.m. They will provide an understanding of the recent Provincial cuts and the effect that they have on HWDSB programming.

#### C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Paikin Miller shared the Foundation highlights which included:

- In August 2019 an operating agreement was made between the Foundation and HWDSB.
- The Foundation is currently accepting applications for the fall cycle of the School Support Grants until October 4, 2019. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for School Support Grants for the 2019/2020 year.
- The Foundation will open the application portal for Student Support Grants for the 2019/2020 year on October 1, 2019. Student Support Grants are available to HWDSB students throughout the school year to help overcome extraordinary or emergency financial obstacles during their education journey. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for Student Support Grants for the 2019/2020 year.
- heARTS Wide Open Gala will take place at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

#### D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone shared the following updates:

- Legislative Updates included:
  - o PPM 163 on Service Animals HWDSB has a policy in place however all Boards must have a policy in place.
  - o EDC the Ministry is conducting a survey and awaiting the feedback.
  - o A Federal election has been called to take place on October 21, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

### 8-1 COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board Date of Meeting: September 30, 2019

From: Policy Committee Date of Meeting: September 11, 2019

The committee held a meeting from 5:39 p.m. to 7:57 p.m. on September 11, 2019 at 20 Education Court, Hamilton, ON, in Meeting Room 340D with Trustee Galindo presiding.

Members present were: Trustees Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Cam Galindo and Paul Tut. Regrets were received from Trustee Christine Bingham.

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Associate Director Peter Sovran commenced the Policy meeting and called for an election of a Chair as Trustee Bingham was not available. The Committee was unanimous in its vote to have Trustee Galindo chair the meeting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### A. Inclement Weather Policy

The Committee considered the Inclement Weather Policy. This Policy is up for its cyclical 4 year review and no changes were made to the policy. Staff shared a presentation with the Policy Committee. Our current policy, in conjunction with HWSTS, has highlighted the safety of students, staff and the bus drivers. When inclement weather occurs or is predicted there are spotters who travel the roads at 4 a.m. to determine if the roads are safe. It was noted that a provision may be required to cancel due to extreme temperatures when the busses won't start. It was shared that the Board commits to let people know if there are cancellations by 6:00 a.m. Time is needed to for the bus drivers/spotters to travel the roads and report back. It was also noted that extreme temperatures relate to both hot and cold temperatures. Parents always reserve the right to keep their children home if they feel that it is unsafe for their children to be at school due to extreme temperatures.

On motion of Trustee Buck, the Policy Committee RECOMMENDS that Inclement Weather Policy be approved.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **B.** Transportation Policy

The Committee considered the Transportation Policy. This Policy is before the committee to consider a change to the walk distance for Kindergarten students in order to align with the co-terminus board. The distance would change from 1 to 1.2 km. The Co-Terminus Board holds the same policy and has had no challenges implementing their policy. This is a collaborative effort to align both Boards and address this issue with Transportation and bussing. Most Boards across the Province have a walk distance of 1.2 to 1.6 km.

On motion of Trustee Danko, the Policy Committee RECOMMENDS that the Transportation Policy be approved.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **MONITORING ITEMS:**

#### C. Boundary Review Policy

The Committee considered the Boundary Review Policy. This Policy is up for its cyclical 4 year review and required only minor changes made to the policy. Trustees shared that they would like to have more information in the policy that pertained to clear communication with the families. A question was raised about having student voice or community membership. Staff shared that it is important to meet the minimum requirements and when adding additional members it changes the minimum which can affect the running of a boundary review. Trustees would like to see more clarity around what is a boundary and what is a review? Staff will bring this policy back at a later date with revisions.

Respectfully submitted, Cam Galindo, Chair of the Committee



# Inclement Weather and Board Cancellations

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#### **PURPOSE:**

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff. Inclement weather, extreme temperature, emergency condition, or a City of Hamilton emergency may occasionally result in the delay or cancellation of transportation services and/or the closure of schools.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

- The decision to close schools, cancel board operations or cancel student transportation services shall be at the discretion of the Director of Education or designate, in consultation with the Director of Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and the General Manager of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS).
- Decisions are made in interests of safety for students, staff and bus drivers.
- HWDSB covers a large geographic size that may experience varied weather patterns. HWDSB will
  make system-wide decisions regarding transportation or closure of schools and board
  operations, except in the case of emergencies as defined in the terminology section.
- HWDSB will communicate the cancellation of regular home to school transportation services and/or the closure of schools and board operations, due to inclement weather, extreme temperature, emergency condition, City of Hamilton emergency, or any other reason. HWDSB will share this communication with parents, students and staff through various media sources.
- It is always the choice of the parents/guardians regarding whether or not it is safe for their children to attend school.

#### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

To ensure the safety of students, staff, bus drivers and other building occupants where events result in instances of inclement weather, extreme temperature, emergency condition, or City of Hamilton emergencies.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Director of Education or designate

#### **TERMINOLOGY:**

City of Hamilton Emergency: Any situation within the city limits of Hamilton where the City of Hamilton has officially invoked its Emergency Plan.



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Emergency Condition: A breakdown in essential services, such as, but not limited to hydro, heat and/or water, or other conditions whereby the safety of students, staff and other building occupants would be compromised.

Extreme Temperature: Weather that does not warrant the declaration of an inclement weather day. Extreme temperature includes but is not limited to, extreme cold weather with wind chill or extreme hot weather with high humidex.

*Inclement Weather*: A day where road or weather conditions make it dangerous to safely operate a school bus or private vehicle.

#### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is difficult to make. Therefore, the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of students, staff and bus drivers in mind. Inclement weather days will always result in cancellation of school and board operations, as well as transportation.

Board staff will maintain procedures surrounding:

- The decision to cancel all school and board operations and transportation;
- The decision to cancel individual school or board operations;
- The decision to cancel transportation due to extreme temperatures.

#### **PROGRESS INDICATORS:**

Intended Outcome	Assessment
To ensure the safety of students, staff, bus drivers and other building occupants where	This policy will be measured through the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation
events result in instances of inclement weather, extreme weather, emergency condition, or City of Hamilton emergencies.	Services annual Transportation Consortium Update provided to the Board of Trustees each fall and communication through the Director or designate to stakeholders.

#### **REFERENCES:**

#### **Government Documents**

Education Act - 19(1)



# Inclement Weather and Board Cancellations

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**HWDSB Policies** 

Use of Board Facilities Transportation Policy



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#### **PURPOSE:**

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) believes in providing the best possible learning environment for its students. This includes providing safe, secure and on-time transportation to and from school for eligible students that is cost-effective and efficient.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

**HWDSB** recognizes:

- The value of providing transportation services to eligible students that is safe, timely, effective and efficient.
- The importance of students arriving at school ready to learn;
- That parents share in the responsibility for the safe arrival of their children to and from school;
- That safety is also a joint responsibility of communities, municipalities and policing authorities; and
- That students' are responsible to their school principal for their conduct on the bus, in accordance with all applicable Board policies and procedures, as school buses are an extension of the school.

#### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

When providing transportation, HWDSB will take steps to:

- Ensure the board can provide safe, timely, effective and efficient transportation services.
- Ensure transportation services support the strategic directions of HWDSB.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Director of Education

Members of Executive Council

#### **TERMINOLOGY:**

Community Stop: A Community Stop is a common area for student pickup and drop offs which may include, but are not limited to: parks, schools and places of worships.

*Courtesy Transportation*: Additional riders, who would normally be ineligible, are accommodated on the school bus without any increase in cost or negative impact on current service.

*Executive Council*: Consists of Superintendents and the Director of Education. Executive Council is responsible for the overall operations of HWDSB.



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Parent: This includes parents, guardians and caregivers.

Secondary Specialized Learning Programs: Are unique, innovative learning programs in focused areas, designed to engage students who have differing educational interests. These programs complement subject/courses consistent with the Ontario Curriculum, however, offer specialized learning opportunities that develop skills with greater depth and intensity. In secondary schools, the courses attached to these programs will be credit granting.

Tier 3 Alternative System Programming: Expectations that outline learning related to skill development in areas represented in the Ontario Curriculum or areas not represented in the Ontario Curriculum (ex. social skills).

#### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

For all operating procedures regarding transportation, please visit Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) Policies and Procedures page at <a href="http://bit.ly/2a9THEG">http://bit.ly/2a9THEG</a>.

#### Eligibility

Students residing in all urban and rural areas as defined by the City of Hamilton Official Plan will be eligible for transportation services to their in-catchment school when the walking distance exceeds the following:

Elementary School	Kindergarten	1.2 km
Elementary School	1-8	1.6 km
Secondary School	9-12	3.2 km

#### Method

HWSTS will determine the method of transportation in consultation with Executive Council. The methods may include but are not limited to, traditional yellow-and-black school buses, school purpose vans and the Hamilton Street Railway Transit (HSR).

#### Safety

Extraordinary circumstances related to safety hazards, including lack of a safe walkway to and from school, may warrant an exception to the walking distances for the determination of transportation service eligibility.

The scheduled length of time on a vehicle provided through HWSTS shall not exceed 60 minutes one way.



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Parents of Kindergarten students are required to accompany and remain with the student until picked up by the vehicle. No Kindergarten student will be left unattended at a pickup point. Parents/guardians are also required to be on time and present at the drop off point to receive their Kindergarten students.

#### **Courtesy Transportation**

Courtesy Transportation may be provided to students at no cost to the Board, subject to the Courtesy Transportation Procedure, by the first week of October on an annual basis.

#### **Special Education**

Transportation services will be dependent on an assessment of the individual student's physical and/or mental capabilities. See also Tier 3 Alternative System Programming.

#### **Barriers to Student Achievement**

Executive Council will have the discretion to provide transportation to support student success, based on available funding.

#### **Program Priority**

Notwithstanding statements elsewhere in this policy, transportation services are provided for the following program priorities:

- French Immersion using Community Stops
- Secondary Specialized Learning Programs
- Tier 3 Alternative System Programming

The method of transportation provided for the above program priorities to a student's in-catchment school will be determined based on available funding and safety.

#### **PROGRESS INDICATORS:**

Intended Outcome	Assessment
Ensure the board can provide safe, timely, effective and efficient transportation services.	This will be measured through the HWSTS annual Transportation Consortium Update, given to the Board of Trustees every fall.
Ensure transportation services support the strategic directions of HWDSB.	This will be measured through the HWSTS annual Transportation Consortium Update, given to the Board of Trustees every fall.



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#### **REFERENCES:**

#### **Government Documents**

Child, Youth and Family Services Act

#### **Other Related Documents**

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Program Strategy Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services Procedures

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Presented to: Board Date of Meeting: September 30, 2019

From: Finance and Facilities Committee Date of Meeting: September 19, 2019

The committee held a meeting from 5:33 p.m. 8:03 p.m. on September 19, 2019 at 20 Education Court, Hamilton, Ontario in Room 340D with Trustee Dawn Danko presiding.

Members present were: Trustees Christine Bingham (electronically), Dawn Danko, Alex Johnstone and Paul Tut. Trustees Penny Deathe and Maria Felix Miller were also in attendance.

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#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### A. Westdale and Sherwood Secondary French Immersion Boundary Review

Staff presented the report and explained that the purpose of this boundary review is to align the FI secondary boundaries with elementary FI boundaries for West Hamilton schools – in particular, the North-West Area. Aligning the boundaries will create a clear path of associated schools and ensure that school communities remain together as they transition to secondary school.

The proposed boundary change is identified in the map titled: Current and Proposed Westdale and Sherwood FI Secondary Boundaries (North-West Area).

On the motion of Alex Johnstone, the Finance and Facilities Committee **RECOMMENDS: that the initiation of a secondary French Immersion (FI) boundary review between Westdale and Sherwood to align secondary boundaries with elementary FI boundaries for the 2020/21 school year be approved.** 

**CARRIED** 

#### B. Community Use of Schools Update

Staff presented an update on the effects that the elimination of the priority schools subsidy and the change in rental categories for gymnasiums has had on some community groups for 2019-20, particularly not-for-profit youth organizations. The cost for these groups has increased and staff has been working with many of these groups to help mitigate the increase in costs.

On the motion of Alex Johnstone, the Finance and Facilities Committee **RECOMMENDS**:

 That staff be directed to use up to \$100,000 of the Rental Revenue Reserve Funds to assist with the transition to the new level of subsidy for not-for-profit youth organizations using HWDSB spaces for the 2019-2020 school year;

and

That the Chair of the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education detailing the on the ground impact of the reduction in subsidy funds, and to inform the Ministry of the impacts of the timing of the funding announcement on groups using our spaces. The vote was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

For (3): Trustees Danko. Bingham and Johnstone

Opposed (I): Trustee Tut

#### C. Secondary School Field Strategy (Secondary Benchmark Strategy)

Staff presented the report and staff recommendation to have the five updated natural turf fields be converted to artificial turf fields at the time that the next major renewal is required. The expected timeline is 10-12 years from the time the field was installed.

On the motion of Alex Johnstone, the Finance and Facilities Committee RECOMMENDS: that the five fields remaining as natural turf (Dundas Valley, Glendale, Saltfleet, Sir Allan MacNab and Westdale Secondary Schools) continue as natural turf until such time that the lifespan of the sod has ended, or until significant repairs and/or maintenance are required, and that the Secondary School Field Strategy (Secondary Benchmark Strategy) remain a part of the Capital Plan.

**CARRIED** 

#### **MONITORING ITEMS:**

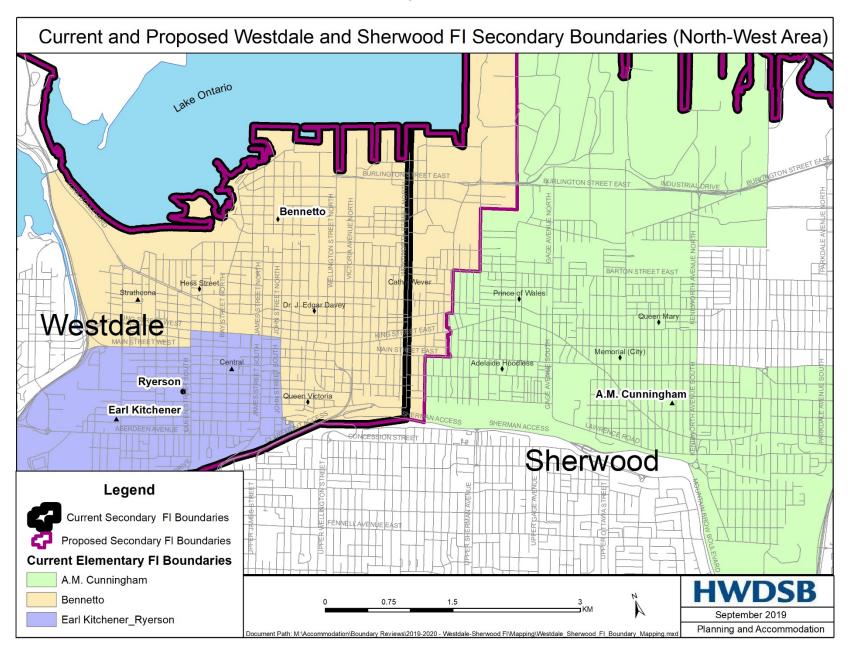
#### **D.** Capital Projects Construction Update

Staff presented the quarterly report that provides a construction update on capital projects currently in progress. The report included a summary of the capital projects underway and their status, categorized by each projects' funding sources and Board project initiative. Facilities Management staff in the Capital Projects division were commended for the amount of school renewal and construction that was completed over the summer months.

#### E. Enrolment Update

Staff presented a verbal update about the actual enrolment compared to the projected enrolment for the 2019-20 school year. Early indications are that enrolment is higher than projected for both elementary and secondary. A more detailed report will be provided in October.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Danko, Chair of the Committee



### 10-1 **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Presented to: Board Date of Meeting: September 23, 2019

From: Governance Committee Date of Meeting: September 30, 2019

The committee held a meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. on September 23, 2019 at 20 Education Court, Hamilton, ON, in Meeting Room 340D, with Trustee Alex Johnstone presiding.

Members present were: Trustees Cam Galindo, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Alex Johnstone, and Carole Paikin Miller. Also in attendance were: Trustee Christine Bingham and Maria Felix Miller.

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#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### A. Additional Student Trustee

The Governance Committee discussed the referral motion from the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Community Advisory Committee recommending that an Indigenous student trustee role be added for the purpose of representing Indigenous students at HWDSB.

The committee was supportive of adding an additional Student Trustee commencing in the 2020-21 Academic Year and asked that staff work towards ensuring supports are provided for the student trustee through the FNMI Community Advisory Committee and the Indigenous Education Circle (IEC) as well as through our own consultants and community partners.

On motion of Trustee Galindo, the Governance Committee **RECOMMENDS** an addition of an Indigenous student Trustee to represent Indigenous students.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** 

#### **MONITORING ITEMS:**

#### B. Update to Regulation 7/07 - Student Trustee Election dates

Staff provided an update to the Governance Committee on a change to the regulation regarding Student Trustees and election timelines based on terms of office. Ontario Regulation 7/07 – Student Trustees is being amended for the 2019-20 school year stating that Boards who have a 1-year term of office for Student Trustees are being asked to conduct their elections by the end of February to enable greater time and opportunity for orientation and mentoring incoming student trustees.

HWDSB Student Trustees serve a one year term and as such the election process will be moved to take place before the end of February moving forward.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Committee

#### **Committee Report**

Presented to: Board Meeting date: Sept. 30, 2019

From: Parent Involvement Committee Meeting date: Sept. 10, 2019

The committee held a meeting on Sept. 10, 2019 from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m. at the Education Centre, 20 Education Court, Hamilton, Ontario, with Chair Amanda Fehrman presiding.

Members present were: Gint Murphy, Celine Légret, Susan J Ferguson-Moher, Mohammad Kibria, Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Heidi Oglesby, Kayla Penner, Tracey Siddons, Nicole Volc, Scott Thompson, Lianne Broughton, Heather Lambert-Hillen, Amanda Lloyd, Mike Palma, Joanne Thompson, Amanda Fehrman, Corrie Ledgerwood, Melanie Roberts, Samantha Cliff, Nicole Burton, Trustee Penny Deathe.

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#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### A. Purpose of PIC

Committee members were provided an overview.

#### **B.** Understanding Norms and Values

Committee Chair Amanda Fehrman reviewed the meeting norms and values developed in the Fall of 2016.

#### C. Understanding Terms of Reference

An overview of the terms of reference was provided to the committee.

#### D. Learning Topics

The committee met in small groups to brainstorm learning topics for meetings this school year.

#### E. Standing Items

Updates were provided for the following Standing items:

- French as a Second Language Advisory Committee
- Rural Schools Advisory
- Home and School
- Trustee Update
- Profiling Volunteer Excellence
- School Council support
- Active and Sustainable Transportation

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Fehrman, Chair