
Trustees: Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustees Tory Dockree, Elizabeth Wong.

Regrets were received from Trustees Kathy Archer and Ray Mulholland.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Profiling Excellence:

Superintendent Stephanian introduced the following students and staff, discussing briefly their achievements:

Students

- Alec Purnell – Dundas Valley – OFSAA Gold Medal – 800 meter Jr. Boys
- Owain Thomas – Adelaide Hoodless – OFHSA Nominee Citizenship Award
- Naomi Martin – Adelaide Hoodless – OFHSA Nominee Citizenship Award
- Abigail Martin – Adelaide Hoodless – OFHSA Nominee Citizenship Award

Staff

- Mike Smith, Coach – Dundas Valley – OFSAA Coach Medal Summary – 4 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze
- Maria Marino – Adelaide Hoodless – 2016 OFHSA Educator
- Jaclyn Brown – Dalewood – Participating in the Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #16-151: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour
Trustees Pattison and Van Geffen were out of the room

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Appointment to Mandated Committees

- A. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL) – there was no interest in taking on this role at this time.
- B. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – there was no interest in taking on this role at this time.

6. Appointment to Trustee Special Committees

A. Finance & Facilities Committee

Trustee Bingham put her name forth to sit on the Finance & Facilities Committee.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

RESOLUTION #16-152: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie moved: **That the nominations be closed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

With no additional nominations coming forward, Trustee Bingham was appointed to the Finance & Facilities Committee as a member until November 30, 2016.

B. Program Committee

Trustee Van Geffen put his name forth to sit on the Program Committee.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

RESOLUTION #16-153: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Deathe moved: **That the nominations be closed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

With no additional nominations coming forward, Trustee Van Geffen was appointed to the Program Committee as a member until November 30, 2016.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

7. Policy Committee – September 14, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-154: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, move: **That the report of the Policy Committee – September 14, 2016 be approved, including Accessibility (Barrier-Free) “Pathways” Policy and Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

Reports from Legislated Committees

8. Parent Involvement Committee – September 13, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-155: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, move: **That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee – September 13, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

9. Oral Reports

A. Student Trustees' Report

- Student Trustee Wong shared that OSTA is currently building the foundation and goals for the upcoming year. The Ministry held the first annual webinar over the course of four weeks to support the training of the new Student Trustees. At the May AGM all new Student Trustees received the Student Trustee Handbooks.
- Student Trustee Dockree shared that they are looking to restructure student senate by establishing an elementary student senate for grades 7 and 8, as well as continuing the secondary student senate. This is being modeled after the Halton Board's student senate. The senate dates have been established for the upcoming year and the senators are being encouraged to communicate through the use of technology such as twitter, Facebook and u-tube. The student senate would like to host events such as an ice-breaker and a winter party.

B. Director's Report

- Director Figueiredo shared how thrilled he is with the response from the Reimagine launch and Community Partners who have reached out to HWDSB. He is very pleased with the work that Corporate Communications has done with the branding and with getting the message out. At a recent PA day half a day was spent on school improvement with a focus on positive school climate, EQAO and graduation data. Schools are setting their own targets to align with the Board's goals. Director Figueiredo shared the strength that has been witnessed amongst school communities who have suffered from the tragic loss of students over the summer.
- The senior team has invested in team diversity training in July and September. Managers and service departments have also been sharing in diversity training. Superintendent Romano, a system principal as well as the Director were part of some training in Sudbury and were acknowledged as a district having a compelling purpose and vision.
- The French Immersion consultation and the Elementary Consultation are now live.
- Executive Superintendent Joshua and the Director sit on the Hamilton Industry Education Council whose mandate is to connect business, industry and education with community partners to support students with experiential learning opportunities with the goal of increasing graduation rates.

- The Director also sits on the Hamilton Community Foundation Board whose focus is on education strategy.
- The Director is looking forward to working with the City of Hamilton and the Innovation launch in October.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared that it has been a smooth start to the school year and the Special Committees have been meeting or will be meeting in the near future. The Chair and the Director have had a lot of positive feedback regarding the Strategic Direction launch and have met with the Hamilton Editorial Board. They have been spending a lot of time getting the message out by speaking with Hamilton Talks, Bill Kelly and CHML. The Chair will put together a summary outlining some of the topics that were discussed with the Hamilton Editorial Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.