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

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Presentation: Terry Cooke, Hamilton Community Foundation (HCF) re: ABACUS

Terry Cooke acknowledged the Trustees around the table and the work that they do. He shared that Director Figueiredo had recently become a member of the Hamilton Community Foundation. Some of the highlights of the ABACUS (Advanced Post-Secondary Access) presentation included:

Goal: Improve high school graduation rates and access to post-secondary education including trades/apprenticeship

- Researched funded by The Fairmount Foundation with support from HECQO
- Minimum 10-year commitment; approximately \$1 million annually
- Focused on middle-school years: Grades 6, 7, 8 and transition to Grade 9
- Based on “Four Pillars” of successful early intervention programs:
 - **Academic up skilling:** supporting educational success
 - **Mentoring:** counselling and encouraging accountability
 - **Goal-setting:** aspirational activities and timely information
 - **Incentives:** financial and motivational encouragements

The three elements of ABACUS are:

- Expand/build on existing community capacity through granting
- *Grad Track:* a pilot to deliver more intense programming
- Support systems change

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #16-212: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of November 14, 2016, November 21, 2016 and December 5, 2016 were confirmed.

6. Correspondence: Toronto District School Board re: Letter to the Minister of Education

Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the Correspondence be received and filed.

The motion was withdrawn following Trustee discussion.

RESOLUTION #16-213: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the Correspondence be referred to Staff and then return to a Committee.

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In favour (8) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Beattie, Deathe, Johnstone, Pattison, Van Geffen and White.

Opposed (3) Trustees Hicks, Mulholland and Danko. Student Trustees Tory Dockree and Elizabeth Wong

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. Human Resources Committee – November 24, 2016

Trustees received an update on secondary enrolment as well as an overview of the Positive Culture and Well-Being report.

RESOLUTION #16-214: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the report of the Human Resources Committee – November 24, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

8. Audit Committee – December 5, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-215: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the report of the Audit Committee – December 5, 2016 be approved including that the Audit Committee receive and endorse the revised Regional Internal Audit Mandate.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour
Trustee Mulholland was out of the room

Reports from Legislated Committees

9. Special Education Advisory Committee – November 30, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-216: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: **That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – November 30, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree voted in favour
Trustee Hicks was out of the room

Reports from Community Advisory Committees

10. Rural Schools Advisory Committee – November 16, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-217: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the Rural Schools Advisory Committee - November 16, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

11. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – November 30, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-218: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the report of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – November 30, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

12. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

RESOLUTION #16-219: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 8:09 p.m.**

The open session resumed at 8:22 p.m. Trustee Danko left the meeting prior to the start of the Committee of the Whole, private session.

13. Reports from:

A. Committee of the Whole (private) December 12, 2016

Executive Superintendent Zucker presented the financial statements to Trustees.

RESOLUTION #16-220: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – December 12, 2016 be approved including the Audit Committee report from December 5, 2016 which include the 2015-16 annual audited financial statements.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

14. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustee Wong spoke of a recent event "Chase the Future 2041" where both Student Trustees Wong and Dockree were the Masters of Ceremony. This event was a joint venture between HWDSB and the City of Hamilton for administrative staff. The overarching question was "where do you see Hamilton in 25 years?" The goal of the event was to inspire teachers who would then take that inspiration back to their students. School senators were also present for the event to provide student input.

Student Trustee Wong spoke of a meeting that took place between the Student Trustees, Trustee Deathe and Christopher Cutler, the Mayor's advisor regarding youth voice and a possible youth council. This would provide them to have counterparts in the City as well as a possible youth councillor. Mr. Cutler and Mayor Eisenberger have been invited to the next Student Senate meeting in the New Year.

Student Trustee Dockree shared that the first Elementary Student Senate took place on November 30, 2016 and was a great success. There were between 55- 60 students present from approximately 20 schools. The meeting was an orientation and introduction to student senate. She also shared that they have had great attendance at the Secondary Senate as well. There have been challenges with the Secondary Schools participation in extracurricular events so some the school councils are looking at forming partnerships to run school formals jointly. Superintendents Sovran and Joshua will be speaking at the upcoming Student Senate meeting about EQAO and math in the class.

B. Director's Report

Director Figueiredo shared a very powerful video "Thank You #HamOnt" that spoke of the tragedies of the people of Syria and the action that Hamilton took to host over 500 of the 25,000 Syrian refugees including HWDSB who hosted students in over 40 schools. There was a great joint effort to welcome the newcomers to the City of Hamilton.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair congratulated the Student Trustees on the work that they have accomplished over the past few weeks as well as the tough questions that they are asking of not only our Board but the City of Hamilton as well. He spoke of the fact that the Student Trustees are bringing the alignment of HWDSB beyond the walls of the Education Centre and our schools. The Chair spoke of the work of the City of Hamilton, the Hamilton Community Foundation and HWDSB and how they all align to turn a vision into reality and bring the City of Hamilton forward.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.